


Multimedia Notes War in Iraq brought "blogs" into limelight [C3]

Arts Berkeley film students host festival of trashy films [C3]

Ex-worker testifies on nursing home

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Richmond facilities
ed and falsified
to mislead state
ctors, she says
Thomas Peele
STAFF WRITER



Shields

owner of nursing homes
mond and El Cerrito de-
patients' medical records
with replacements to

deceive state in-
spectors, a for-
mer home ad-
ministrator said
in testimony as
part of an elder-
abuse lawsuit.
Willie L.
Shields Jr.
"would prepare
for (inspections) by getting
people to tear up medical records
that did not look good and make
up new ones," former employee

Ruth Beard said in a court de-
claration. It was part of a patient-
abuse lawsuit against Shields'
business settled recently for
\$600,000.
Shields also falsified staffing
records, she said.
"If there were not enough
nursing hours to meet state stan-
dards, (Shields) would have
blank time-clock cards filled in
with the employees' names and
put the times in and out of the
clock."

Shields said Wednesday that
he "vehemently denies" the
statements. In the mid-1990s
Beard was an administrator of
Shields' 48-bed El Cerrito facil-
ity.
Although he repeatedly called
the statements false, Shields said
he planned no legal action
against Beard. "I have no clue
why she said that," he said.
Beard, of Vacaville, could not
be reached for comment.
The lawyer who brought the

suit, Sanford I. Horowitz, said
Shields' settlement and unwill-
ingness to fight Beard's state-
ment in court are "tacit admis-
sions" to the allegations.
"It speaks for itself," Horowitz
said. He said people such as
Beard who make sworn state-
ments "are reluctant to do it.
There isn't a lot of self-interest
in it. You have to feel strongly."
The family of a former Shields
Richmond patient, Eva Blacksher,
filed the lawsuit in which Beard

and others made declarations. The
suit alleged that during a four-
month stay Blacksher developed
massive bedsores because of a
lack of care. Her family moved her
to another facility where she died.
Shields' two nursing homes
have long been considered
among the worst for patient care
in the Bay Area, frequently turn-
ing up on activist watch lists.
From 1998 through 2002,
See NURSING, Page A9



JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF
Catherine Fischer, owners of the successful Parkway Theater in Oakland, stand in front of the Cerrito Theater in El Cerrito. The Fischers hope to renovate the Cerrito, located on San Pablo Avenue near Central Avenue.

Parkway owners to reopen Cerrito

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

CERRITO — It's official.
owners of the innovative
Speakeasy Theater in
plan to operate and help
the Cerrito Theater.
an agreement approved
Cerrito Redevelopment
Monday, the city will
the space to Kyle and
Fischer, the owners of
Theaters, for \$10,000
for 25 years. The Fisch-
operate the Cerrito as a

MOVIES

The Parkway Theater is at 1834
Park Blvd. in Oakland. Call 510-
814-2400 or go to www.picture-pubpizza.com for more infor-
mation.

one- or two-screen movie house
similar to the Parkway.
"This is a major decision
point," said El Cerrito redevelop-
ment manager Lori Trevino.
"It's a significant decision that's

being made. ... It's the first step
in actually making the project
happen."
The Redevelopment Agency
purchased the Cerrito Theater
last June for more than \$500,000
after residents lobbied to restore
the 1930s-era movie house. Many
residents viewed the building as
a historical artifact and city land-
mark.
The Parkway is a second-run
movie house that serves meals,
beer and wine to patrons seated
at tables or on couches — as well

as standard movie theater fare to
people in regular theater rows.
All shows cost \$5 or less, and
most are for people 21 or older.
Kyle Fischer, a nonpracticing
lawyer, and Catherine Fischer, a
trained chef, opened the theater
in 1997. Its success and innova-
tion have drawn local and na-
tional media attention. Zagat re-
cently named it the most
appealing attraction in the San
Francisco Bay Area.
See CERRITO, Page A9

Albany's Royal Cafe
gains music permit

■ The cafe's owners have
promised to try and keep
nighttime noise to a
minimum

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The City Council
has approved an entertainment
permit for the Royal Cafe amid
assurances that it will not create
the disturbance some neighbors
fear.
The permit will allow Majid
Mahani, owner of the cafe at 811
San Pablo Ave., to have live mu-
sic or a DJ, Thursday through
Saturday from 7 p.m. to midnight
and Sunday from 7 to 11 p.m.
The permit was approved over
the objections of two residents.

Terry Wilson and Ruth Wells-
meyer told the council the am-
plified music and people hang-
ing out after hours would create
headaches for residents who live
in an adjacent apartment build-
ing.
"The noise is already bad
from the Ivy Room (a San Pablo
Avenue bar), which is south of
the Royal Cafe," said Wilson,
adding he and his wife had been
awakened twice by outside noise.
"We have a lot of elderly people
in the apartment building and I
think it would be a real nu-
isance."
"The door to the restaurant is
just a parking lot away from my
bedroom and living room," Welle-
meyer added, "and I can't imag-
See MUSIC, Page A9

Police shaving heads
to fight kids' cancer

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — At least 11 mem-
bers of the Albany Police De-
partment are going to shave their
heads — for a good cause.
They're participating in the
San Francisco "Buzz the Fuzz"
event that raises money for cancer
research and California law
enforcement's Wish Upon a Star
organization. The event will be
held at Justin Herman Plaza in
San Francisco on Friday, May 16.
"All funds raised go this year
to two foundations, the Wish
Upon a Star Foundation and also
for UC Pediatric Cancer Re-
search," said Sgt. Tom Dolter,
who first spearheaded the Albany
police effort three years ago. "Be-
cause it's involving people who
are fighting cancer, that was kind

HOW TO HELP

Donations are still being accepted
for Buzz the Fuzz. Checks made
payable to Buzz the Fuzz 2003
can be mailed to the Albany Po-
lice Officers Association, 1000
San Pablo Ave., Albany, CA
94706.

of the driving force to do what
we could to help them out."
The event draws police from
all over the Bay Area, and as far
as Australia. A group of San
Francisco Police officers orga-
nized the first Buzz the Fuzz
event in support of children with
cancer in 1998, according to
www.buzzthefuzz.com.
See BUZZ, Page A9

photographer's life, all days are dog days

By Randy Myers
STAFF WRITER

Indigo's stepbrother, the shyer Dig-
gity, attracts attention as well, but
doesn't command much of a fuss.
The shutterbug, Kendra Luck, trails
Indigo, who's been battling the bulge
of late, wherever she goes, hoping
she'll strike a pose that's adorable and
natural.
Just how much adulation can one
terrier mix take? Roughly about two
hours, as Luck, of Albany, plies her
trade, providing dog owners with lively
portraits of their beloved canines.
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with Fido's picture emblazoned on it.
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her clients, she's up-front about want-
ing to go beyond the traditional "cute"
doggie shots. Her intentions lean to
the creative, with black-and-white pho-
tographs that can be appreciated as
both cool dog shots and images that
aspire to be artistic.
Just call her the Annie Liebowitz of
the dog set.
See CANDIDS, Page A10



MARK DUFRENE/STAFF
LUCK LEANS IN for a close-up of an oblivious Indigo. The former Contra Costa Times and San Francisco Chronicle photographer decided to strike out on her own and combine her passions: picture taking and dogs.

NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Grisman band headlines fund-raiser

The David Grisman Bluegrass Experience will headline a benefit concert for the Albany Music Fund on May 11 at 7 p.m. at the Albany High School gym, 603 Key Route Blvd. Teenage fiddler Brittany Haas will open the show, followed by her mentor, fiddler Darol Anger with multi-instrumentalist Mike Marshall on mandolin.

O Music Where Art Thou II will include a raffle for "Bluegrass" prizes. Prizes could include a signed mandolin, signed CDs, signed event poster and much more.

Tickets cost \$10 for students or those 18 and under, \$20 for adults. On the main floor tickets cost \$30.

The Albany Music Fund is dedicated to preserving excellence and equity in music education in the Albany Unified School District. Budget shortfalls and continued cuts in state funding threaten to drastically reduce or possibly eliminate the 30-year-old Albany Music Program. Details: 510-559-8474.

El Cerrito

Spring carnival at Castro Elementary

Castro Elementary School holds its Spring Carnival on the school's lower play yard at the corner of Donal and Norvell avenues on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Live entertainment will include music and a dance exhibition. A raffle will be held, with prizes including dinner at Rivoli Restaurant in Berkeley and a free-standing basketball hoop. Each class will host an activity booth, and there will be games, prizes, lunch and other treats for sale. There will also be a photo booth with family portraits and buddy pictures available for sale. Tickets go on sale the week prior to the carnival, and will also be available at the ticket booth that day. Everyone is invited — family, friends, and neighbors. All proceeds will benefit Castro students through after school classes, classroom activity funds, field trips and school assemblies.

For more information, call 510-234-6200.

Public can visit Canyon Trail rock-art site

Archaeological investigations are scheduled to take place at the rock art site at Canyon Trail Park off Conlon Avenue Saturday afternoons in May. The public is invited to stop by to witness the activities of CSU professor and senior archaeologist, Roger Kelly, and his students. The digs will be held May 10, 17, 24, and 31. Student interpreters will be on hand to chat with the public between 1-4 p.m. During these sessions, the features of the rock will be professionally recorded, and several test excavations will be conducted.

Abelson will speak to LWVRA meeting

The League of Women Voters, Richmond Area, will be meeting Tuesday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Royale, third floor meeting room, 6510 Gladys Ave. City Councilwoman Janet Abelson will speak about Measure C and transportation needs in the Bay Area.

Public works opens its doors for a visit

In celebration of National Public Works Week May 18 to 24, the city's public works department will hold an open house May 22, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. The open house will be at the Corporation Yard and at the Recycling Center, both at the end of Schmidt Lane.

Residents will have the opportunity to ask questions and look at equipment. There will be a raffle with prizes provided by the Stege Sanitary District and refreshments will be served.

National Public Works Week is a celebration of the men and women in who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association in 1960, the week calls attention to the importance of public works in community life. During the week, they recognize professional engineers and administrators who serve the public good every day. For more information about the public works open house, call the department at 510-215-4382.

Portola Middle School showcases talent

Portola Middle School will hold a talent show at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 15, in the school's gym. Admission is \$5 at the door. Portola students can buy student tickets for \$1 in the school office starting Monday, May 12. Information: 510-527-6144.

Kensington

Library schedules spring book sale

The Kensington Library spring book sale is Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, May 11, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the library, 59 Arlington Ave. For details call 510-524-3043.

Author of 'WomanPrayers' will sign books

Editor Mary Ford-Grabowsky will read from and sign copies of her latest book, WomanPrayers (Harper, SF), Saturday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m., at Boadecia's Books, 398 Colusa Ave.

Seven local authors — Janine Canan, Christina Hutchins, Stephanie Marohn, Betty McAfee, Michelle Lynn Ryan, Jan Steckel and Dorothy Walters — will join her in reading aloud their contributions to the anthology of sacred writing by women from throughout history and around the world. The event is free and refreshments will be served. Call the store at 510-559-9184 or go online at www.bookpride.com for more information.

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ALBANY POLICE

Tuesday, April 29

■ **BURGLARY** — About 3 a.m. officers responded to an anonymous call that a possible burglary was in progress near a van on the 700 block of Johnson Street. Officers contacted and arrested a 43-year-old Richmond woman for possession of a controlled substance. She was cited and released.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — Between 10 p.m. April 28 and 4 a.m. April 29, thieves broke into a silver Honda Civic parked on the 700 block of Curtis Avenue and stole items from inside. There were no witnesses. Police gathered evidence and are investigating.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — During the night, thieves broke into a white '93 Ford Explorer parked on the 800 block of Cleveland Avenue and stole items. There were no witnesses.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — Officers stopped a blue Acura near Solano Avenue and Pierce Street for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 39-year-old Richmond man, was found to have a no-bail warrant for possession of stolen property and burglary tools, driving with a suspended license and for parole violations. He was arrested and transported to the Berkeley Jail.

■ **GUN FOUND** — The owner of a business on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue found a gun, covered in dust, in the ceiling space of his building while he was remodeling. Police are attempting to locate the last registered owner.

Wednesday, April 30

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — About 7 a.m. a woman reported that she had parked her silver '01 Toyota near Portland and Curtis Avenues an hour ear-

EL CERRITO POLICE

Thursday, April 10

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — Police arrested a man sitting in the back seat of a vehicle on the 1700 block of Manor Circle after discovering the man had a warrant for his arrest and was in possession of several balloons of heroin. The 31-year-old Long Beach man was booked at the El Cerrito Police Department for possession of a controlled substance, being under the influence of heroin and for the warrant.

Tuesday, April 22

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — Two men — one from Richmond, the other from El Cerrito — and an Albany woman were arrested on suspicion of driving a stolen 1991 Camry at 6:12 a.m. Police pursued the vehicle after seeing it traveling at a high speed. The driver and passengers were arrested after they parked on the 3300 block of Belmont Avenue. Police found stolen property during the arrests and got information that led to the locations of other vehicles that had been reported stolen.

Wednesday, April 23

■ **THREATS, WEAPON** — A man was arrested on suspicion of threatening the occupants of a home with a meat cleaver on the 600 block of Kearney Street at 11:40 p.m. The man's girlfriend grabbed the knife and sustained a cut to her hand. The man was booked at the El Cerrito Police Department for terrorist threats and brandishing a weapon.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — Two juveniles were stopped by police at San Pablo Avenue and Cutting Boulevard and arrested on suspicion of stealing a Toyota Camry at 3 a.m.

lier. When she returned to her car it had been broken into and items were missing.

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — During the night thieves broke into a black '93 Saturn parked on the 800 block of Ramona Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **STOLEN CHECKS** — About 11:30 a.m., officers responded to a bank on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of a subject attempting to cash stolen checks. They arrested a 45-year-old woman for burglary, two counts of forgery and identity theft. She was processed and transported to the Berkeley Jail.

■ **VEHICLE VANDALISM** — Vandals smashed the rear window of a maroon '88 Chevrolet New Yorker parked on the 1000 block of Washington Avenue.

Thursday, May 1

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — About 2:15 a.m. officers contacted two subjects acting suspiciously near an apartment complex on the 800 block of Solano Avenue. They arrested two 17-year-old Berkeley boys for disorderly conduct and trespassing. They were cited and released to their guardian.

■ **DUI** — About 7 p.m. officers responded to the 1100 block of Marin Avenue on reports of a vehicle accident. They arrested a 58-year-old Kensington man for DUI. He was cited and released.

Friday, May 2

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — Officers responded to a business on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue About 1:45 a.m. on reports of a woman trying to hit an employee. They arrested

Thursday, April 24

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — Tools worth \$688 were taken from a vehicle on the 6000 block of Potrero Avenue between 11 p.m. on April 24 and 6:45 a.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — Property was taken from a vehicle on the 2500 block of Harris Street between 9 a.m. on April 24 and 6 p.m. on April 27.

Friday, April 25

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A purple 1999 Ford Mustang was taken from the 6700 block of Cutting Boulevard between 3:30 and 9:30 a.m.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A 1995 Acura Integra was taken from the 400 block of Everett Street between 6:30 p.m. April 25 and 3:10 p.m. April 26.

Saturday, April 26

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A 1996 Honda Accord was stolen from the 1300 block of Contra Costa Drive between 2:30 p.m. April 26 and 2:30 a.m. the following morning.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A 1991 Honda Civic was taken from the 7200 block of Lincoln Street between 10 a.m. April 26 and 3:30 p.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A 1996 Honda Civic was taken from Kearney Street at Cutting Boulevard between noon April 26 and 8 a.m. the next day.

■ **THEFT** — A man was arrested on suspicion of removing items from a cargo container from the rear of Walgreens at 6:11 a.m. Police saw the man taking the items, which consisted of medications valued at about \$5,000. The 33-year-old, considered to be a transient by police, was also found in possession of burglary tools

the 47-year-old Berkeley woman for disorderly conduct, cited her and released her.

■ **VEHICLE VANDALISM** — A resident on the 1500 block of Beverly Place reported that during the night his blue '98 Mazda had been vandalized.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — During the night, thieves stole the radio out of a gold Volkswagen Rabbit parked in a driveway on the 1100 block of Neilson Street.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — Thieves stole a blue-green '94 Honda Civic parked on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue. It was located the next day in Richmond. It had been partly stripped and the Richmond police did not have anyone in custody.

■ **DISTURBANCE** — Shortly before midnight, officers responded to the Albany Bowl on reports of a subject causing a disturbance and refusing to leave. They arrested a 22-year-old Richmond man for causing a disturbance. He was cited and released.

Saturday, May 3

■ **TOWED, NOT STOLEN** — A resident of the 900 block of Taylor Street reported that thieves had stolen his green '95 Saturn. It was later found in San Pablo when it was towed because it was blocking a driveway. The owner was notified.

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — During the night, unknown thieves broke into a blue '95 Lexus parked on the 700 block of Talbot Avenue and stole items from inside.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — About 9:30 a.m., officers responded to the 700 block of Solano Avenue on reports of a vehicle blocking a driveway. A check found that the car had been stolen from Daly City and the owner was not aware that it was gone.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — Officers

and drug paraphernalia.

■ **BURGLARY** — A storage shed on the 3000 block of Carlson Boulevard was broken into between April 26 and April 27. Nothing was taken, but property apparently taken in other burglaries was left behind.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — It was reported that a 1991 Honda Accord was taken from the 1300 block of Navellier Street between 7:30 p.m. April 26 and 7:30 a.m. the next day. The vehicle was found abandoned at Manila Avenue at Scott Street.

Sunday, April 27

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — A 29-year-old Kensington man riding his bike on the 800 block of Kearney Street was arrested at 3:20 a.m. on suspicion of possessing methamphetamine.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT, DRUGS** — Two men and a woman were arrested on the 3300 block of Belmont Avenue on suspicion of occupying a stolen vehicle. Police stopped the car and arrested the occupants. Police also found drugs in a backpack.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A laptop computer was stolen from a vehicle on the 11400 block of San Pablo Avenue between 1 and 1:45 p.m.

■ **THEFT** — Property was stolen from a storage shed on the 1700 block of Liberty Street between March 31 and April 27.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A stolen 1989 Honda Civic was recovered by a police officer at San Luis and Sutter avenues. The vehicle had been taken from El Sobrante.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 39-year-old Albany man was arrested at 9 a.m. on suspicion of possessing stolen property after police saw him sifting through items in the bed of a truck that had been reported stolen. The vehicle was parked on the 6200 block of

located a maroon '88 on the 500 block of

had been reported. Albany Cinema parking lot

it was towed and sent from the 600 block of

Street. It was located shortly before midnight. had been damaged. police did not have today. The owner was

Sunday, May 4

■ **THEFT** — About 10:30 a.m. responded to the corner underneath the Burren on reports of two men in a green van were stealing paint when officers arrived. When officers arrived, the van was gone from the site and

Monday, May 5

■ **THEFT** — During the night, a stolen yard equipment was locked shed on the 1400 Portland Avenue. There were no witnesses.

Summer

During the week of April 27 to May 3, officers responded to the corner underneath the Burren on reports of two men in a green van were stealing paint when officers arrived. When officers arrived, the van was gone from the site and

Huntington Avenue

Monday, April 27

■ **THEFT** — Tools were taken from a garage on the 6500 block of Drive between 7 a.m.

Tuesday, April 28

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** and flood lamp were taken from the 3300 block of Boulevard between 10:29 and 10 a.m. the next day. The front window of the car was smashed.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A stereo, a jacket and a camera were taken from the back of a car between 7 and 7:30 a.m. the next day. The car was parked on the 1300 block of Navellier Street between 7:30 p.m. April 26 and 7:30 a.m. the next day. The vehicle was found abandoned at Manila Avenue at Scott Street.

■ **BURGLARY** — A stereo and a camera were taken from a locked apartment on the 1400 block of San Pablo Avenue between 7 and 9 p.m.

Thursday, May 7

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1991 Honda Accord was stolen from the 1300 block of Laguna Avenue and 7:30 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1991 Honda Accord was stolen from the 1300 block of Laguna Avenue and 7:30 p.m.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

Schools could use help from friends

DO YOU HAVE extra art supplies: paper, a stapler, a cork board that you don't need? A used trumpet, music stand, or anything musical that has been in your attic since your garage band broke up in the '70s or '80s?

Guess who could use it. How about a few spare hours each week to help a child with his reading or with her math?

Our public schools need every bit of support they can get — and school supplies or volunteer time is a direct way to help.

We can wag our fingers and do all the sleuthing it would take to find all those at fault over the past years for the sorry state of school supplies. We can criticize principals, we can lobby Sacramento and write to D.C.

But it won't make one bit of difference to the musically talented boy who has to skip band because there is no horn to play. Or to the girl who needs that bit of extra help with reading or math.

Education is the key to the future. Some of these students will run our cities and counties one day. It makes sense to give them every bit of educational help we can, now.

Consider giving to schools another form of public education, a lesson in sharing. Just pick up the phone and call your neighborhood school.

Ask what you can do to help, what you can donate to help the students and the teachers.

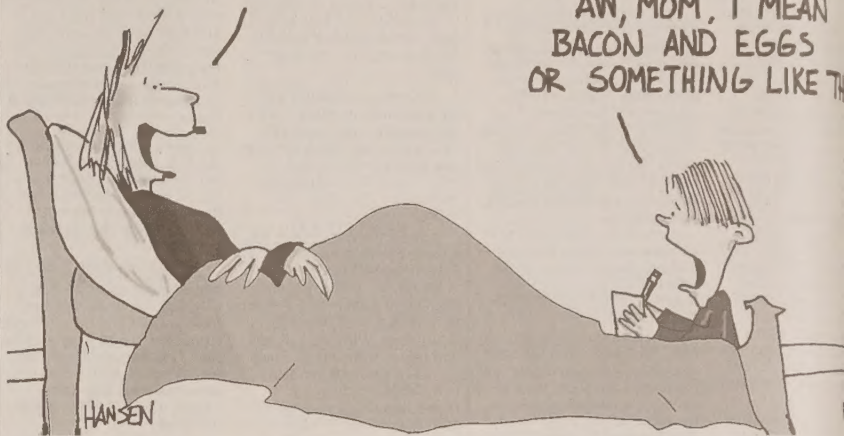
Chances are, students will do a lot more with our help than politicians and bureaucrats will do with our criticisms.

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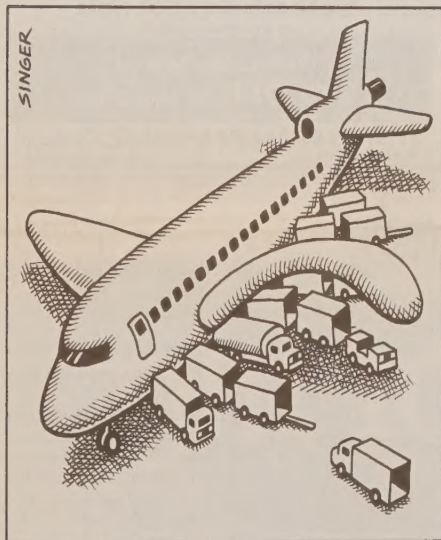
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Academic chaos

As chairman of the Science Department at El Cerrito High School, a 19-year teaching veteran, and a parent of three children in the West Contra Costa school district, I would like to express my concern about the budget-cutting plan to eliminate all counselors from the middle and high schools.

If this plan is implemented, it will be an academic catastrophe that will hurt all students. Maybe people don't realize how important counselors are, but I can't imagine running a high school without them.

Our counselors are dedicated individuals who provide a multitude of crucial services to all students. I would like to point out, however, that our neediest students will be hurt the most if this proposal becomes reality.

These students rely on experienced counselors to provide them with advice on academic programs, class scheduling and college opportunities that they can't get from their families. Without counselors, how are students supposed to make the crucial academic choices that will determine their futures?

The work won't be done by administrators — they are being cut also. This proposal is a recipe for academic chaos. It is time to look elsewhere to save money. Don't eliminate the counselors!

Bob Fabini
El Cerrito

Let's wait for the trial

The death of Laci Peterson, a young married woman who was expecting the birth of her first child in one month, is a tragedy that can only be explained in two ways: She either killed herself or she was killed by someone else. In the latter case, her husband (so far) is the only suspect.

It's a sign of the deep lack of civility of our time that the experts and the media do not want to give further thought to this tragedy and are lynching Scott Peterson without due process of law. They seem ready to lynch the judge and jury if a "not guilty" verdict came forward.

If Peterson killed his pregnant wife, would this, in itself, not be mind-boggling? Would we not wish to understand his motivation and, thus, learn more about the strange workings of the human mind?

On the other hand, if Laci was killed by another woman who wanted to have Peterson for herself, this tragedy might qualify for the "murder of the year."

Let's wait and hope for a fair trial. This tragedy may hold a magnifying glass to the kind of people we are today and the society in which we live.

Jan H. Visser
Kensington

Lives lost here at home

During the last two months, we lost close to 200 Americans who fought for freedom in Iraq. This is a tragedy. One life is too much to lose.

But the price of freedom and world peace is high and we must always be diligent and ready to fight for liberty, freedom and world peace.

What is even more tragic is the loss of young American lives that occurred right here in the Berkeley/Oakland congres-

sional district.

During the last 12 years since the Gulf War, we have lost some 1,723 Americans to brutal homicides right here in our own neighborhoods.

Rep. Barbara Lee, California legislators Don Perata and Loni Hancock, and Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates ignore this tragic brutality and bad-mouth President Bush, while raving about our American losses in Iraq. They obviously don't give a darn about those 1,723 lost lives right here.

I'm afraid to go out at night, while our local politicians do nothing except condemn Bush, who has overwhelmingly proved himself to be one of our greatest presidents and who will be known as one of the greatest world leaders of this century.

Ella Jensen
El Cerrito

Gag order needed

Scott Peterson will be able to get a fair trial only if there is a complete gag order placed immediately, so that future potentially damaging information ceases to be thrown before the jury pool, in whichever community this case will be tried.

Whether or not the information in the media, in this or any other high-profile case, is true or verifiable, is immaterial at this stage. The fact that the general public, from which jurors are selected, cannot escape the subject and the media hype, jeopardizes the entire premise of innocence until guilt is proven.

Joanna M. Henrichs
El Cerrito

Nader voters' fault

There are many people to blame for the catastrophe in Iraq; for example, the Supreme Court and the Florida officials who manipulated the election and bestowed on us this war-mongering president.

However, my main criticism is of those naive Ralph Nader voters who arrogantly dismissed the virtues of Al Gore and chose an unelectable candidate.

Electing Gore would have given this country an experienced leader with a big heart and a brilliant mind who is an environmental expert. Instead, we have huge erosions on numerous fronts — the environment, a woman's right to choose, school funding, Medicare — not to mention a costly and deadly invasion of a third-world country.

Earth to Nader voters: Do you finally see the differences between Bush and Gore?

Stacy Taylor
El Cerrito

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Tenet's been ruthless

I am disheartened by Tenet's System's poor treatment of the registered nurses at Doctors Medical Center and Pablo and Pinole.

After six months of being out on Tenet gave the nurses a last, best offer: no pension, no retirement benefits and no improvement in

More than 90 percent of the nurses have chosen to work elsewhere. It is sad to see the nursing units at centers decimated and scattered out of our community. It will not be long before Tenet to hire new nurses. Few California nurses will want to work for Tenet witnessing its ruthless behavior toward its employees.

Adequate numbers of registered nurses equal safe care, fewer conditions and better outcomes. As a member of the West Contra Costa Health Board, I am worried Tenet will not provide sufficient nursing care to patients.

Tenet has a history of union-busting of California Nurses Association. I believe Tenet's corporate officers seek to break the nurses' union, thus limiting nurses' ability to advocate for their patients and their patients. Tenet has made a business decision. We have lost a precious resource and it will take a long time for Doctors Medical Center to recover.

Contractually, the Healthcare District has limited oversight of Tenet's operations inside Doctors Hospital. For this reason, I'm encouraging the community of this district to be vigilant in receiving care at Tenet and to alert the Contra Costa Healthcare District if they have any complaints regarding care.

I apologize to those registered nurses for a system that has chosen to suffer outrageous fortunes at their expense.

Nancy Cassano

Casazza is the director of West Contra Costa County Healthcare District.

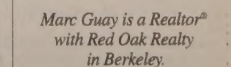
Fiscal crises

Our state and local governments broke and cutting back basic services.

The federal government is pouring red ink for the foreseeable future. And we are supposed to believe Bush's latest tax giveaway to the wealthiest Americans is a compromise of \$500 billion?

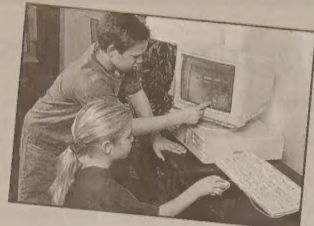
I hope our nation's elected officials figure out pretty quickly that the majority of Americans, who will get no "tax relief," prefer not to be "brought down" upon.

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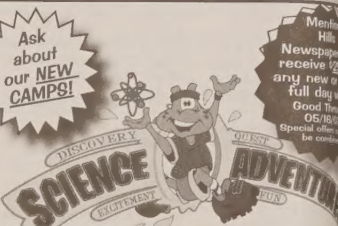
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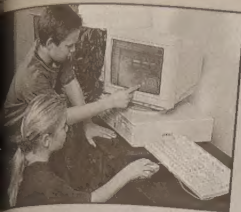
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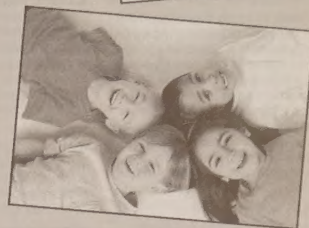
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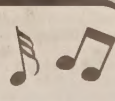
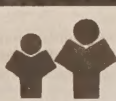
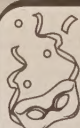
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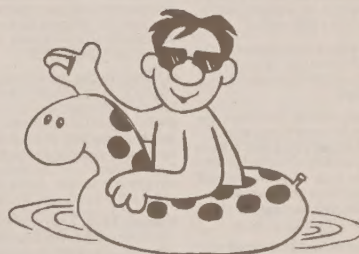
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Children

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■ **The Berkeley Art Center** continues its 11th annual Youth Arts Festival through May 11. The festival includes an art exhibition by K-8th-grade students. Special performances of poetry, readings, dance, music recitals and drama. There are workshops for all ages in drama, sculpture, drawing and shadow puppets and in making musical instruments.

— Workshops cost \$5-10 sliding scale. Full scholarships are available upon request. All other events are free.

All events are held at the Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. For more information and workshop schedules, call 510-540-0343.

■ **Beginning Internet Workshops** take place at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. Learn the basics of the Internet-mouse skills, e-mail, web searching, and the library's on-line catalog and databases. Classes are free of charge. Alternate Saturday mornings from 10-11 a.m. Call 510-526-7512 to sign up.

■ **Children's Social Skills and Manners** workshops are offered in Albany on Saturdays for two hours, 3 to 5 p.m. Each workshop lasts for four weeks. Details: Linda, 527-6202.

■ **Ten Support Group** meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. Details: 531-7551.

■ **Check out books** from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Details: 848-0237.

■ **Hall of Health**, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Details: 549-9682.

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■ **The South Berkeley Senior Center**, 2939 Ellis St., offers a variety of classes. Details: 883-5222.

■ **Interview Clinics** sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call 848-6370 and leave a message to

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Community

■ **Berkeley Neighborhood Computers**, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. The organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. Details: 845-1226 or e-mail cbc@netvalue.net.

■ **Berkeley Camera Club** meet Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share slides and prints, learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Details: 525-3565.

■ **TOPS** (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) Chapter CA 1294 is now meeting from 7:15-8:30 p.m. every Thursday evening at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. Details: Betty Coates at 235-0490.

■ **Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370.

■ **Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Cen-

ter, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. Register: 644-8736.

■ **Berkeley Art Museum**, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. Details: 642-0808.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the child-care room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? Details: 525-5231.

■ **Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for details.

■ **Civil Rights** activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

■ **"Work Buddies"**, volunteers needed to work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

■ **Psychic Healing** clinic: 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 800-642-9355.

■ **SMART project**: the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

■ **The Edible Schoolyard**, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335.

■ **English-In-Action** lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour weekly. YWCA, at Berkeley, Call 843-9716.

■ **Women's Daytime Drop-in Center** in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For details call 466-5663.

Exhibits

■ **ACCI Gallery**, 1652 Shattuck Ave., presents the glass exhibition "Into the Fire," through May 23. Details: 510-843-2527 or e-mail accigal@aol.com.

■ **Arlist Judy Stone** exhibits a selection of her enameled artwork in the El Cerrito Library exhibit case throughout the month of April. Stone has been enameling since 1968, and has shown her work in art galleries and craft fairs in the U.S. and Europe. Her work is shown as part of the El Cerrito Library's "Local Artists" at the Library program. The library is located at 6510 Stockton Ave. in El Cerrito. Details: 510-526-7512.

■ **A New Leaf Gallery**, 1286 Gilman St., presents the exhibition "Kinesis"



"O MUSIC WHERE ART THOU II," a fund-raiser Music Fund, features fiddler Darol Anger and Mike May the David Grisman Bluegrass Experience. Teen-ager Brittany Haas opens the show. The concert will be held May 11 in the Albany High School Gym, 603 Key Road, Albany. Admission is \$10-\$30. For tickets call 510-559-creativendifferences.com.



through June 1. Artists include Susan Pascal Beran, Zachary Coffin Bella Feldman, Phil Evans, Jeffery Laudenslager, Moto Ohtake, Mark Oldland, John Tyler, and Mark White. Gallery Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, 10 to 5 p.m. Details: 510-525-7621 or visit the Web site at www.sculptureside.com.

■ **UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism**, Center for Photography, presents an exhibit by Mexican photographer Maya Goded, through May 1. Goded, recipient of the W. Eugene Smith Fund Award, is a recent nominee to Magnum Photos. She photographs prostitutes and prostitution in order to "speak about women, inequality, transgression, the body and sex, maternity, childhood and old age, beliefs, love and unloving." A reception and public lecture takes place from 6 to 7 p.m. Jan. 31 in room 105. Details: 510-642-3383.

■ **The Richmond Museum of History** continues exhibits highlighting Richmond's agricultural beginnings, industrial achievements, and home-front contributions during World War II. Special exhibits and events are held throughout the year. The museum is located in the historic 1910 Carnegie Library in the Old Downtown area at Fourth Street and Nevin Ave. Call 235-7387 for more information or to arrange tours.

■ **El Cerrito** presents Open Clay Studio

ongoing classes on May Experience with clay is necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students. Admission: \$7.50 residents. The location: Tascara Center, 2575 Tassajara Rd. more details call Judie

■ **Alta Bates Medical Center** work by members of the tercolor Association at Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby. The gallery is in the left of the information entrance. Call 204-4444

■ **New Places Gallery** enue shows quilts, textures and dolls exclusively is open during store hours. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Noon to 5 p.m. exceptions. Details: 527-6779.

Health

■ **Charcot Marie Tooth** meets Saturdays bimonthly at Berkeley Library, 1125 University from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Charcot Marie Tooth is a hereditary pathic disorder. Details: 527-6779.

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KID STUFF

BARNES & NOBLE, OAKLAND — "Kids Story Times," ongoing. Stories will be read in the Children's Book Area. The Friday reading is for preschoolers.

Free, Second Friday, 11 a.m.; Third Saturday, 1 p.m.; Second Sunday, 2 p.m. 98 Broadway, Jack London Square, Oakland. 510-272-0120.

BERKELEY ART CENTER — "The 11th annual Berkeley Youth Arts Festival," closing May 11. An artistic celebration for the youth of the Berkeley Unified School District. It includes a visual art exhibition of painting, drawing, collage, sculpture, photography, mixed media and multi-media projects. There also is a Performances feature, with poetry readings, dance, music recitals and drama performances. In addition, there will be workshops on constructing musical instruments, drama, sculpture, drawing and shadow puppets. Free.

"Sean Powers' Shadow Puppets," May 10, 2 p.m. A performance of stories from around the world.

"Kristen Brooks Davidson's 'Flutes,'" May 10, 4 p.m. Students and members of the Windfall Woodwind Quintet perform.

"Rhythms and Muse: Young Poets, Writers and Musicians," May 10, 7 p.m. Open mic.

\$5 to \$10, sliding scale. Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Live Oak Park, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley.

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BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY — Haiku Writing Contest and Programs, through June 6. Entries to the Haiku Contest must be original haiku written in this traditional form and submitted to the Library by March 15. Prizes will be awarded at the April 4 reading of the entries. Programs to celebrate poetry and haiku will be held at various branches throughout the spring.

Free. 2090 Kittredge, Berkeley. 510-981-6195.

CRAB COVE VISITOR CENTER — At Crab Cove, you can see live underwater creatures and go into the San Francisco Bay, from land. You can also travel back in time to Alameda's part. The goal is to increase understanding of the environmental importance of San Francisco Bay and the ocean ecosystem.

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ESTATE GROUNDS — through October.

Music

FROM PAGE A1

ine how I could sleep or eat at night with that amplified noise."

But a dance held previously at the restaurant, with music provided by a DJ, resulted in no complaints, said James Carter, executive director of the Albany Chamber of Commerce. He asked the council to support struggling small businesses.

"There needs to be some flexibility for businesses to do what they have to do to stay in business," Carter said.

The council agreed and approved the permit by a 4-0 vote at its Monday meeting. Councilwoman Peggy Thomsen was absent.

"We really do want to give small businesses a chance," said Councilman Allan Maris. "They make (Albany) a nice place to live."

The council will review the permit in six months or sooner if there are complaints of noise emanating from the business or surrounding area, or if there are criminal complaints.

Including the Royal Cafe, at least four restaurants and other venues have had to get entertainment permits within the last year. They include Montero's Restaurant at the corner of San Pablo and Solano avenues, Fonda Restaurant on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue and Cafe Eclectica on the 1300 block of Solano Avenue.

Cafe Eclectica, a place for teenagers, closed its doors after neighbors complained about loud punk bands. In October, opposition from nearby residents blocked Fonda Restaurant from receiving a permit for the number of nights requested. The restaurant scaled back live entertainment to three times a year.


City planning manager Dave Dowsell said a public hearing would be held for the Ivy Room if that business could not show that it has an entertainment permit.

In the meantime, Mahanire-assured neighbors that the Royal Cafe would make every effort to keep the noise level down and respond to neighbor concerns.


Wilson said, "If the assurances he (Mahanire) gave us after the meeting was over come true, I don't think there'll be an issue."

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FRIENDS OF PERALTA HACIENDA HISTORICAL PARK — "The Land is Our Gold," Fridays through May, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. A series of four events for children and their families, featuring a guest artist, performer historian and park staff to lead a discussion in the rich history of the East Bay.

Free. Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, 2465 34th Ave., Oakland. 510-532-9142.

HABITOT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM — A museum especially for children age 7 and younger. Highlights include "WaterWorks," an area with some unusual water toys, an Infant Tree for babies, a garden especially for toddlers, a child-scale grocery store and cafe, and a costume shop and stage for junior thespians. The museum also features a toy lending library.

EXHIBITS — "Waterworks." A water play gallery with rivers, a pumping station and a water table. Designed to teach about water.

"Little Town Grocery and Caf." Designed to create the ambience of shopping in a grocery store and eating in a restaurant.

"Infant-Toddler Garden." A picket-fence gated indoor area which includes a carrot patch with wooden carrots to be harvested, a pretend pond and a butterfly mobile to introduce youngsters to the concept of food, gardening and agriculture.

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HALL OF HEALTH MUSEUM — A hands-on community health education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center.

EXHIBITS — "This Is Your Heart!" ongoing

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Buzz

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The police officers were asked to raise \$1,000 for the "privilege" of losing their hair. The head-shaving is an act of solidarity with children who have lost their hair due to chemotherapy.

The Albany police participating event include Lt. Mike McQuiston, Sgt. David Bettencourt, officers Steve Foss, Chris Willis, John Costenbader, Mike Larrick and Jose Lara and reserve officers Whitney Smith and Robert Wheeler.

Albany reserve officer Dan Bickham said the fund-raising effort for this year is being done in honor of an Albany 13-year-old with inoperable brain cancer.

"He's basically what the whole thing is about: little kids with cancer," said Bickham. "It's something we thought we'd do; his dad has been shaving his head ever since this happened. It's kind of in honor of him that we do something nice."

Bickham said he's on track to raise the \$1,000, though people are donating less this year.

He collected \$20 each from several Boy Scout Troop 14 parents. The one condition for the donations, he said, was that he also shave his mustache.

"This will be a first for my son; he's 13; he's never seen me without my mustache," Bickham said.

"I look like a little kid without it. But what the heck; it's hair, it'll grow back."

Donations are still being accepted. Checks made payable to Buzz the Fuzz 2003 can be mailed to the Albany Police Officers Association, 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany, CA 94706.

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
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Candid

FROM PAGE 1

A family tragedy led Luck to this career path. She had been winning awards as a photographer for Bay Area newspapers, including a stint on the Contra Costa Times staff from 1992 to 1999. While Luck found journalism challenging, she began to notice her passion for it was drifting away.

After her 32-year-old brother, who was battling a drug addiction, committed suicide while in rehab, Luck took stock of her own life. She decided just simply making dog wasn't enough.

So in 2002, when the unstable Bay Area economy was especially foreboding, Luck chuckled it all and bravely launched a company that combined her two favorite passions: photography and dogs.

"I'm really happy doing it," said Luck at her home in Albany, where she shares quarters with her 11-year-old companion Gladys, a "beagle-pit mix."

A self-professed "crazy dog person," Luck has discovered that her canine affection is not that extreme. "I'm not as individually crazy as I thought I was," she said.

Most of her clients come to her searching for a unique birthday or anniversary gift. Alison Chapot of Martinez used Luck's service as a Christmas present



MARK DUFRENE/STAFF

PHOTOGRAPHER KENDRA LUCK follows her canine subjects as they play Point Isabel Regional Shoreline in Richmond.

for her husband, Jess. Now, Luck's photographs of 16-year-old Bernie and 7-year-old Sadie adorn the living room and make visitors stop and stare.

"I can't say enough about how important it is to memorialize your pets in some way," said Chapot. "At first I thought it was an overindulgence, but not after

seeing those gorgeous photographs."

Luck doesn't do an advance visit before shooting, but will chat with owners about habits and pinpoint a pet's favorite haunt.

One thing she refuses to do is make a dog uncomfortable. "I'm not going to force a situation," she said.

She has encountered some challenging clients. One subject hated having his picture taken and would lunge at the camera. Luck took extra care on that shoot. Another dog was paralyzed, requiring Luck to be inventive in getting a range of shots. A couple of well-placed, and well-chewed, tennis balls and hearty patch of grass did the trick.

Another time she was summoned to the "sweet 16" birthday party for a beloved dog, whom she immortalized on film. Luck will spend as long as three hours with her subjects, but finds canine attention spans dwindle fast. "After about two hours, they tend to walk away and go into the other room," she said.

And while her business could expand into shooting other pets, Luck likes keeping the focus on dogs. She's allergic to persnickety felines.

"They're so independent," she said. "They're not vaguely interested in being with you."

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Kids

FROM PAGE 9

An interactive exhibit on heart health.

"Good Nutrition," ongoing. This exhibit includes models for making balanced meals and an exercise for calculating how calories are burned.

"Draw Your Own Insides," ongoing. Human-shaped cutouts and models with removable organs allow visitors to explore the inside of their bodies.

"Your Cellular Self and Cancer Prevention," ongoing. An exhibit on understanding how cells become cancerous and how to detect and prevent cancer.

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OAKLAND ZOO — The zoo includes a Children's Petting Zoo, the Skyride, a

miniature train, a carousel grounds and a gift shop. Animals in site-specific enclosures allow them to roam freely. **SPECIAL EVENTS** — "Safari," May 10 and May 10 a.m. A fun and educational event, while you spend time with the animals and enjoy the Zoo meadow overviews. **Mother's Day**, May 11, 11 a.m. There will be free train rides and mothers can listen to a quartet from noon to 2 p.m. Plaza.

\$7.50 general; \$4.50 seniors; children age 2 to 14; free children age 2; \$3 parking fee. Daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Knowland Park, Links Road exit off Interstate 580, Oakland. 510-682-0000 or www.oaklandzoo.org

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Section B

What's a seller to do?

advice if you're
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by talking to an agent.
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many things: the seller's
the house, its
location, desirability in
market — just to name

easy things like:
neighbor's dogs bark, night

get rid of the mildew in
bath. You can see how the
wall is leaning. I'd be will-
ing to fix the furnace but it's go-
ing to be expensive and I'd like to
get my money back.
ing that it will take two
months to sell my house.
neighbor's house sold for
I'm sure mine is worth
more to sell, you know.

Use 'no-cost mortgages' to carry a pricetag

off for no fees
higher interest

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homeowners with con-
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- My neighbor built his fence three feet onto my property.
- The man in front of us refuses to cut his trees, so we don't have the bay view we used to have.
- We always planned to redo the kitchen but never did. I guess we'll have to do it now before we sell.
- We should wait until spring to sell because that's the best time of year. It's better to ask for more money than we expect to get. We should leave room to dick.
- My mother died in this house.
- I want to sell as is.
- The dogs will have to be in the house while it's being shown, but they can be locked in the kitchen.
- We want to take these light fixtures with us.
- I'd like to sell the stove to the buyer, but I want to sell it separately.
- Something in the upstairs bath has leaked into the living room—you can see what's happened to the plaster—but we never figured out what is going on.
- We added on the back bedrooms and bath without a city permit.
- We'd like to find a buyer now and get our money in hand, then have six months to stay here while we look for our new house.



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- We never did anything to the kitchen, and it does look bad. But we figure the buyer will want to do it to his own taste.
- The basement is always wet.
- These cracks appeared around the doorways after the last earthquake but not one dish broke. I think the house is really solid.
- I'll have to do the termite work

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DIAN HYMER
House Hunting

If the borrowers had paid one point and customary closing costs, the mortgage interest rate would have been 5.65 percent. "Points" is a term used in the mortgage industry for the mortgage origination fee. One point is equal to one percent of the mortgage amount.

On a \$230,000 mortgage, a one point fee costs the borrower \$2,300. There is an inverse relationship between the number of points charged

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Real estate's ups and downs

■ Median price rises 15.3 percent in March, sales decline 3.2 percent

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS
The median price of an existing home in California in March increased 15.3 percent and sales decreased 3.2 percent compared to the same period a year ago, the California

Association of Realtors (C.A.R.) reported today.

"The median price of a home in California has posted double-digit gains every month for the last 16 months and hit a new record of \$352,780 in March," said C.A.R. President Toby Bradley. "While consumers remain concerned about the general direction of the economy, buying a home

continues to be a safe haven for California families."

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled 567,610 in March at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate, according to information collected by C.A.R. from more

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Real Estate Spotlight:

Famous Manchester Drive home



ORIGINALLY THE STREET WAS CALLED "Westview Drive in Rockridge Park." For almost a century this quiet, meandering, one-block street of elegant homes in upper Rockridge has been famous. Architect John W. Cowee, Jr.'s inspiring 1995 three-level creation at 5946 Manchester Drive takes full advantage of this ideal location. A commanding four-bridge panoramic San Francisco Bay view is ever-present. BART and cool shops are close by.

Step through the portico, take the elevator to the top and start the tour. Third floor: An entertainment wonderland. The large kitchen, family room and living room flow into the "rotunda" dining room, suspended in the 180-degree view with balconies to both sides. The back deck rounds out the upper level with a bridge to the garden. Second floor: Two master suites, stunning bay views and garden outlooks that open onto a full-width balcony running the width of the house. First floor: Walk to the mezzanine level, step into the shaded patio and enjoy the flowers. The ground floor has a huge third bedroom, full bath and laundry room. Past the tiled foyer and elevator is the garage and total off-street parking for four cars. This custom contemporary will take your breath away.

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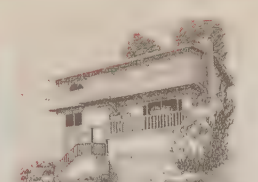
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by the lender and the interest rate on the mortgage. The more points paid upfront, the lower the interest rate and vice versa. Generally, one point is equivalent to 1/4 percent in interest rate.

HOUSE HUNTING TIP: Several factors come into play when you decide whether or not it makes sense for you to pay points. The most important is how long you plan to keep the mortgage before you either sell the property or refinance again. The longer you plan to keep the mortgage, the more sense it makes to pay points.

Keep in mind that the IRS treats points paid by buyers who are purchasing a home differently from points paid by homeowners who are refinancing. When calculating income tax liability, home buyers can deduct points in the year they are paid. However, refinancing points must be written off over the term of the loan—over 30 years for a 30-year loan, for instance. If, however, a refinanced mortgage is paid off early, any unclaimed points can be deducted at that time.

The best way to figure whether or not it makes sense for you to pay points is to complete a simple cost benefit analysis. Suppose you're considering two mortgage options. One is a \$230,000 no-cost mortgage at 6 percent with a monthly payment of approximately \$1379. The other is a one and

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one-half point mortgage at 5.50 percent with a \$1306 monthly payment—a savings of \$73 per month, or \$876 a year.

Now look at the amount of cash you would pay upfront if you took the full cost mortgage option. Points will run \$3,450 (multiply \$230,000 loan amount by 1 1/2 percent). Add an additional \$2,000 in fees (for customary closing costs) for a total of \$5,450. The closing cost fee will vary depending on individual circumstances.

Next, divide \$5450 by the amount you'd save per year if you took the lower interest rate loan—\$876 in this example. The result (6.22) is the number of years you would need to keep the loan in order to break-even when compared with the no-fee option.

THE CLOSING: Homeowners who plan to be in their home indefinitely are usually better off paying points for a lower rate.

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Taking a look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

FOR THE PUBLIC

Healthy Housing

Existing single-family home sales remain at a historically strong level according to the National Association of Realtors. NAR predicts this will be the second-best year on record for housing. Long-term rates on home loans will remain low if the inflation rate remains under control. Low interest rates are expected to keep housing healthy despite a slow economy.

Homeless Homeowners?

Melissa Harris of Common Interest Realty presents "Turning The Homeless Into Homeowners," an informational real estate clinic. The clinic will counsel low income and homeless individuals and families on how to become homeowners. The first clinic is Saturday, May 17. Seating is limited and reservations are necessary. For registration information, call 510-780-8542.

Remodel Class

Attend "Remodeling Your Home: From Ideas To Reality." This Piedmont Adult School workshop is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 17. Instructor Mercedes Corbell of Corbell Design + Architecture will discuss the practical aspects of remodeling. Call for enrollment information at 510-594-2655.

Inform Meeting Alameda

The public is always welcome at the Inform Meeting. The Alameda Association of Realtors sponsors the Inform. The next meeting is 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 13. The location is the Garden Isle Community Center on Melrose Avenue in Alameda. This month's speaker is from the California Association of Realtors. The topic is "Legislative Day Updates." Agents are encouraged to bring information on new listings for presentation to the group. For more information, contact Remy Boyd of AAR at 510-523-7229.

First Time Buyer Information

Loan Consultant George Johnson of Ameristar Financial, offers a free first time buyer informational workshop. Featured topics are zero-percent down payment, FHA and conventional loans. Johnson will offer information on affordable properties. For information on future workshops, contact Johnson at www.gbjohnson.com.

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RHO EVENTS

The Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County offers a membership meeting monthly. Non-members are also invited to attend. The next meeting is at 6:45 p.m., Thursday, May 15. The guest speaker is Debra Carlton, California Apartment Association Legislative Analyst on bills in progress in Sacramento that may affect you. Also changes to the Oakland rent control laws, the \$24 Rent Tax and the Measure EE lawsuit.

How To Raise Rents In Oakland is a seminar presented RHANAC. Join a panel of experts from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 17. For event location, information and registration call the RHANAC office at 510-893-9873.

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WCR LUNCHEON

The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter monthly meeting date is Friday, May 16. The meeting begins with networking at 11:30. The location is Scott's Restaurant, at Jack London Square in Oakland. For reservations, call WCR President, Patricia Boule Hinds of Classic Investments at 510-834-0702 or boulehinds@sbcglobal.net.

ARBP NETWORK BREAKFAST

The Associated Real Property Brokers (ARBP) presents "The Dynamic Networking Breakfast," from 8 to 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 21. The location is Jimmie's Entertainment Complex on San Pablo, in Oakland. Real estate agents are encouraged to bring flyers and market their properties. The meeting is open forum. For more information, call Tyrone Cossey of Fidelity National Title at 510-893-8100.

NAR MEETINGS

The National Association of Realtors will hold the "Realtors Midyear Legislative Meetings & Trade Expo," May 13 through May 17. This is an opportunity to learn firsthand the

latest in real estate marketing and selling techniques and regulatory updates. Economic predictions, identification and comparison of the market. Realtors are expected to attend meetings and may hear in the national

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Report

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than 90 local Realtor associations statewide. Statewide home resale activity decreased 3.2 percent from the 586,230 sales pace recorded in March 2002.

"Year-to-date sales have declined 3.5 percent compared to last year's record sales pace, in line with our expectations," said C.A.R. Vice President and Chief Economist Leslie Appleton-Young.

The statewide sales figure represents what the total number of homes sold during 2003 would be if sales maintained the March pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

The median price of an existing, single-family detached home in California during March 2003 was \$352,780, a 15.3 percent increase over the revised \$305,840 median for March 2002, C.A.R. reported. The March 2003 median price increased 7.8 percent compared to February 2003's revised \$327,120 median price.

Highlights of C.A.R.'s resale housing figures for March 2003:

■ C.A.R.'s Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes in March 2003 was 2.8 months, compared to 2.1 months (revised) for the same period a year ago. The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.

■ Thirty-year fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 5.75 percent during March 2003, down from 7.07 percent in March 2002, according to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 3.76 percent in March 2003 compared to 5.09 percent in March 2002.

■ The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home was 28 days in March 2003, unchanged from a revised 28 days for the same period a year ago.

Regional sales data is not adjusted to account for seasonal factors that can influence home sales. The MLS median price and sales data for detached homes is generated from a survey of more than 90 Realtor associations throughout the state. MLS median price and sales data for condominiums is based on a survey of more than 60 associations. The median price for both detached homes and condominiums represents closed escrow sales.

In a separate report covering more localized statistics generated by C.A.R. and DataQuick Information Systems, 92 percent or 370 of 402 California cities and communities showed an increase in their respective median home prices from a year ago.

DataQuick statistics are based on county records data rather than MLS information.

Statewide, the 10 cities and communities with the highest median home prices in California during March 2003 were:


- Pacific Palisades, \$1,187,500;
- Manhattan Beach, \$937,500;
- Burlingame, \$881,000;
- Malibu \$865,000;
- Beverly Hills, \$857,500;
- Orinda, \$820,000;
- Coronado, \$795,000;
- Laguna Beach, \$795,000;
- Carmel, \$742,500;
- Lafayette, \$740,500.

Statewide, the 10 cities and communities with the greatest median home price increases in March 2003 compared to the same period a year ago were:


- Yucaipa, 59.1 percent;
- Arroyo Grande, 54.7 percent;
- Lompoc, 46.7 percent;
- Upland, 41.6 percent;
- Benicia, 40.6 percent;
- Montclair, 38.6 percent;
- Patterson, 37.8 percent;
- El Monte, 36.5 percent;
- Castaic, 36.0 percent;
- Big Bear Lake, 35.7 percent

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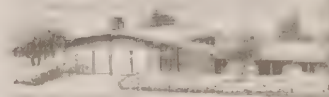


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East Bay's historic watering holes

one of three parts of the Pioneer Era in the (roughly 1846 to 1885), the first commercial building to be erected in each city were either saloons, dive eateries that catered to the clientele of that pe- ght generation, fancier restaurants were being the commercial districts of Bay. Few of the Pioneer remain today, but the more colorful his- ies from the early 20th are still standing, and business.

book "A Living Legacy: Architecture of the East Bay" is an old photo of the First and Franklin Street area circa 1860. The photo shows several simple buildings, including one labeled "Rough and Ready Saloon and Oakland Brew-

Few of the Pioneer Era saloons remain today, but several of the more colorful historic eateries from the early 20th century are still standing, and open for business.

ery," The caption mentions "what a central role saloons played in such frontier communities."

The Rough and Ready Saloon is no longer standing, but another colorful survivor of Oakland's Pioneer Era watering holes is still in business. Heindold's First and Last Chance Saloon is located at the eastern edge of Jack London Square. It was built in 1880, when this area of Oakland was still catering to dropouts and drifters from the Gold Rush.

First and Last

This clapboarded wooden "Pi-

ss focuses on seniors

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will cover the basics of selling a home focusing on making a smooth and seamless transition from one residence to another. "The class will provide a well-balanced package of information to help make an informed, thoughtful decision about future lifestyle," said Kulka, who holds a masters degree in social work. The class will meet Thursday May 15 and Thursday, May 22 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Room 14 at Piedmont High School. To register for the class, call Piedmont Adult School at 510-594-2655. You may register online at www.piedmontadulthoodschool.org or just come to the first day of class.

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oneer Box" with a false front is a classic example of a frontier saloon. The windows have square wood latticing, and sit low above the ground. Jack London used to frequent Heindold's Saloon when he was a young man working on the docks of Oakland in the 1890s and early 1900s.

The phrase "First and Last Chance" refers to the fact that this was the first or last saloon travelers encountered in Oakland when coming or going to Alameda, which was a dry community at that time. Covering the walls inside this venerable establishment are hundreds of business cards from past clients, spanning several decades.

Another historic eatery and watering hole in Oakland can be found in the heart of the "Victorian Row" district on the city's original Pioneer Era commercial district. Now called the G.B. Ratto Company Building, this Italianate style commercial structure at the northwest corner of Washington and Ninth streets was originally built in 1876 by the real estate developer A. J. Gooch.

Piedmont Avenue walking tour focuses on history

Mark A. Wilson will lead a walking tour of architectural landmarks and historic houses in the Piedmont Avenue district of Oakland on Sunday, May 18, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. The tour includes the Julia Morgan designed Chapel of the Chimes, Mountain



MARK WILSON
Owning A Piece of History

This is a very impressive three-story brick Italianate building, with round arched windows, projecting angled bays, and cast iron pilasters with the manufacturer's mark "Columbia Foundry" on them.

The architect of this edifice was John S. Tibbals. The popular restaurant and delicatessen known as "Ratto's" to locals occupied the ground floor of the building during the 1940's, and retains much of its colorful historic decor on the interior.

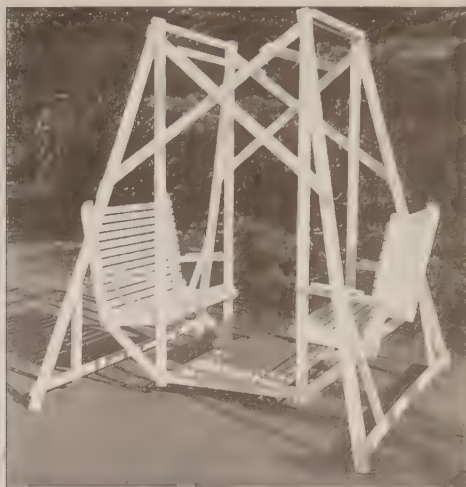
In next week's column, we will visit some other historic watering holes, pubs, and eateries from the late 1800's and early 1900's in various East Bay neighborhoods.

CORRECTION: In part three of last month's series on "Tucked Away Treasures of the East Bay," the text stated the "much of the information provided for this article was provided by Robin Low." It should have read "was provided by Clyde Low," who is Robin's father.

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View Cemetery, and commercial buildings along Piedmont Avenue, as well as historic houses on nearby streets.

The cost is \$10 per person. To join, meet in front of the Chapel of the Chimes, at 4999 Piedmont Avenue, between 2:15 and 2:30



Classic swing cures summertime blues

BY DON AND DAVE RUNYAN
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An annual favorite for summer-time relaxation and conversation, this two-bench lawn glider swing is a do-it-yourself classic. The project will instantly transform an ordinary shady spot in the yard into a great place to catch a breeze, swing and chat. Although it's large, the swing is

PROJECT OF THE WEEK

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(SFBA NARI) will mark National Home Improvement Month by focusing on green building at its May 14 dinner meeting in San Francisco. NARI wants homeowners to consider hiring a contractor familiar with resource-efficient remodeling. Homeowners today want their projects to be designed, constructed, renovated, and operated in an energy-efficient and environmentally friendly manner.

SFBA NARI is the only chapter in the nation that provides licensed building professionals an opportunity to train to become certified as green building experts. The Certified Green Building Professional (CGBBP) designation is granted to California licensed building professionals who attend

a four-session course and pass an exam. In March, the CGBBP designation was earned by 28 Bay Area contractors and architects. The program operates in cooperation with the Alameda County Waste Management Authority, (www.stopwaste.org). For more information, visit www.sfbanari.org.

At the May 14th meeting, Mark Palmer and Jan Stensland, green building coordinators from San Francisco's Department of the Environment, will outline San Francisco's green pilot projects. They will emphasize how green buildings cost less, minimize the use of resources, reduce harmful effects on the environment and create healthier environments for people.

Swing

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other lumber can be substituted. Other materials include four pieces of water pipe and nuts, bolts, screws and nails.

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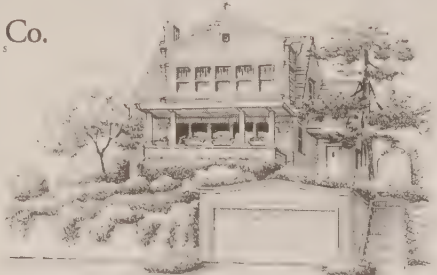
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Check out all the alternatives. Pay close attention to your ability to make first and second (home equity) mortgage payments on your current income.

Q: Last year I was going to purchase a house that was for sale by owner. We met, agreed on a price, had the attorney draw up the bill of sale, had all the inspections completed and then the owner did not show up (for) the closing and has

not been reachable for the past year. The house now sits abandoned, and every attempt I have made to contact him has been fruitless. Is there any way to force the sale of the house or recoup my cost of the attorney and inspections?

A: There is no quick and easy way to force the sale or recover your expenses. You must bring a legal claim or suit for "specific performance" and/or damages. This will require the services of an attorney.

Keep in mind that litigation costs money, there is no guarantee of winning and winning doesn't mean that you will collect anything. Nevertheless, talk to an attorney to explore your options.

Q: We have a house that we sold in 1995 and are holding the note

(on) because the buyers couldn't get a loan. The interest rate on the loan is 10 percent. They paid us and then we paid the mortgage company. Then they filed bankruptcy shortly thereafter.

Since then we have gotten a monthly check from the bankruptcy court and the mortgage has been sold at least twice. Every time there is a change in the monthly payments, we notify the court and they adjust their payments to us accordingly.

When mortgage interest rates went so low last year, I tried to refinance, but was told since the buyer's name is on the mortgage they would have to agree also. We

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Tip of the week: Battling those garden pests

Working with pesticides

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Many homeowners annually do battle with pests around the garden. Reckless use of poisonous pesticides can be harmful to your health, your family's health and the ecosystems of local streams and rivers.

When working with pesticides, wear rubber gloves and protective clothing, and never spray on a windy day.

When you're finished, gloves should be rinsed in the

garden, and tainted clothing should be allowed to air-dry in the sun.

Simply tossing them in the clothes washer will send pesticides into the sewer and ultimately into fresh-water systems.

The same is true when cleaning up spray applicators. They always should be rinsed outside, and not in a sink.

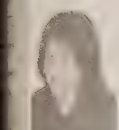
Many pet shampoos contain pesticides. Finally, when it comes to washing your pet, do it in the yard rather than in the bathtub.

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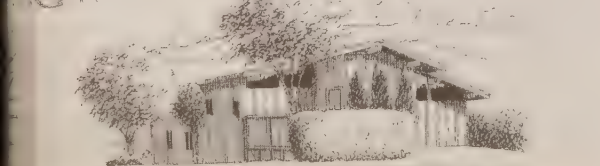
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contacted them, but they never responded. The loan, tax and insurance forms come to us, and we claim the interest on our income tax. Why can't I refinance without the buyers? It would be in everyone's best interests to do so.

A: You have answered your own question. Apparently the buyer is also responsible for the mortgage; therefore it cannot be paid off and a new mortgage obtained without their being a party to the agreement.

You may wish to check with a different mortgage lender to see if they have a different opinion. You may also have your attorney examine the transaction and determine if they agree. You could also be more assertive with the buyer explaining the benefits of refinancing.

Q: We purchased a small house to use as rental income in 1996. The current renters are interested in buying the house. If we sell, what are some of the costs we have to consider when figuring if we would realize a profit on the sale of this property yet? And what would be a good profit on rental property?

A: Calculating gains from the sale of real estate requires that you follow IRS instructions for Schedule D — Capital Gains and

Losses. All expenses of sale, capital improvements and depreciation affect the taxable gain from sale. People not willing to obtain the appropriate forms, read the instructions and report their own taxable gains should consult a tax preparer.

An experienced real estate broker or appraiser should set a sale price. Property owners rarely have the knowledge necessary to set a fair price and tend to over- or underprice their property. Profit depends on whether the property was purchased reasonably and if its value has increased since purchase. Profits in real estate are not a result of making a purchase and deciding a "fair profit" is 20 percent and then setting the sale price.

The real estate market determines current fair market value. Depending on the purchase price, length of ownership and condition of the property as well as its highest and best use, profit may be two to three times the original price, or could even result in a loss. In other words, a "good profit" may still result in less profit than is supported by the market or a price in excess of what a reasonable person would pay.

Q: I recently read about appraisal fees in your column. As an appraiser of 20 years, this has long been a pet peeve of mine. Banks have been charging one fee to the customer and underpaying the appraiser for years.

This is usually done by the so-called legitimate banks and lenders. Mortgage brokerage firms usually don't want to get involved in collecting these fees and have the appraiser collect at the door. During these last few years of extreme real estate growth appraisers have been lucky to get a \$25 fee increase in fees.

Many banks now have so-called management offices and have increased the fee of the appraisal so they can make the profit and have either pushed appraisal fees back or not passed the increase on to the appraiser. Both the borrower and appraiser have paid a hefty cost for these practices. Unfortunately, appraisers are not always privy to the fee charged the customer and even when we are we (are) threatened to receive no more work if we were to make any waves about this.

It is my understanding that this is against the law, and I, as one appraiser, would love to see the end of this theft.

A: In response to your comments, I do not know if the practice you describe exists, is widespread or occurs only occasionally. Perhaps other readers of this column such as mortgage loan officers, appraisers and attorneys will share their experience and we can discuss the issue at greater length.

This week's Open Home G starts on B20.

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the person selling it already received their fee and would have to go to the real estate commission to resolve this issue. She and her company already purchased a home living in it and feel they are keeping making payments.

The mortgage company has the right to charge this fee? The person who has the right to back out of the contract does she have to give the property back to the mortgage company? Or do you suggest she do that?

The mortgage company may charge a fee if it is stated in the contract and they have to follow all requirements. The original mortgage was assigned, the prepayment was included as part of the agreement. People who are signing a contract of sale should not sign an agreement without the guidance of an attorney who will answer questions and explain the terms.

When to perform a sale contract, a person is sued for "specific performance," compelling them to stay in the agreement.

ment. Alternatively, they may be sued for damages resulting from their failure to perform. Again, people should not sign contracts or make agreements unless they intend to act consistently as required by, and stated in, the contract. Contracts are not "willy-nilly" things that people can decide to honor only if they feel like it.

To "give" a property to the mortgage lender requires that the lender be willing to accept the property in settlement for all or part of the outstanding mortgage balance. This would be a "deed in lieu of foreclosure." Contact the mortgage lender and ask them if they are willing to accept the deed to the property in exchange for a "Satisfaction of Mortgage."

Lastly, do none of the above without the guidance of an attorney. Many of the questions you ask could have been answered, and problems avoided, had an attorney been used in the first place.

Q: My husband and I own two properties, both in the state of Wisconsin. We would like to buy a property with a sunset view, but have not decided if we should sell our primary home or our second home when we move to this other property. What are the tax consequences of selling the second home?

A: I know if you sell your primary residence and move to a more expensive property you do not pay sales tax on the home you sell. Is this also true for a second property? What other issues are there to consider financially?

A: Gains up to \$500,000 (\$250,000 if single) from the sale of a your primary personal residence are not taxable. Any gain from the sale of other property is subject to capital gains tax. There isn't anything else to know if your goal is to minimize the payment of taxes.

Q: I was buying a house; days before the closing, the house was on fire. Do they have to return the money that I paid for the appraisal? I asked some people: Some say no, the others say yes. Why I have to lose that money if it was not my fault?

A: Your friends have given you the correct answer. If the appraisal had been performed before the fire, the appraiser has done his or her job and is entitled to be paid for his or her work. If the appraisal had not been done at the time of notification of the fire, you should receive a refund.

Q: Thirteen years ago my husband and I bought 137 acres in Hillsboro, Ohio, and built a home there. We both lived there until I filed for divorce.

A: We were divorced two years ago and the property divided, with my ex-husband getting the house and 5 acres. I was awarded the remaining 137 acres with no house. I sold the property in May of this year and am now wondering if I have to pay capital gains tax on the sale. If I do have to pay capital gains, is there any way to defer this, such as a 1031 exchange?

A: Although you sold a property without a home, as recently

People should not sign contracts or make agreements unless they intend to act consistently as required by, and stated in, the contract. Contracts are not "willy-nilly" things that people can decide to honor only if they feel like it.

as two years ago it was part of your primary personal residence. I would argue that you sold your primary personal residence, and have occupied that residence for two of the last five years. Therefore, up to \$250,000 of gain may be excluded from taxation. Any additional gain would be taxed at the capital gains tax rate.

The preceding is only an argument that I created. Do not act on my advice until you have discussed the matter with your CPA or tax preparer.

It is to late to consider a tax-free 1031 exchange. You have already sold the property. The time for tax strategies is before an action is taken.

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Taking the small claims court route

Over the past several months, I have had the opportunity to work with several home owners who have successfully used the municipal court system to resolve complaints against contractors regarding workmanship and contract disputes.

The easiest and least expensive way for the consumer to legally resolve contractor issues, is through small claims court. Today I will discuss how to use this court process to settle disputes over workmanship and the performance of a contract.

Small claims court is unique in that the hearing is informal, the rules are simple, and attorneys are not allowed. Although claims are limited to \$5,000.00, small claims court can offer consumers a speedy resolution in most cases. The secret to being successful when presenting a claim is the ability to prove your case and present the facts in a documented and concise manner.

When deciding to use small claims to resolve a dispute, a consumer must consider three things to determine if this is the right process to potentially resolve the issue.

They must consider the contractor's legal responsibilities, the existence and terms of the contract, and the amount of money

involved. Each of these items must be reviewed to determine what legal issues will be raised, and what issues will have to be defended.

Let's start with the contractor's responsibilities. For a person to engage in work involving more than \$500.00 of material and labor (in the State of California), he or she must have an appropriate license for the work they are performing, and must abide by Contractor License Law.

This basically means the contractor has the required liability insurance, workmen compensation insurance, and license bond. The contractor must also offer a contract with the required notices to the owner, obtain permits for the work, and perform the work in a manner that reflects industry standards. These are legal obligations of the contractor.

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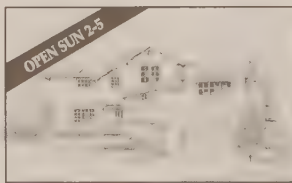
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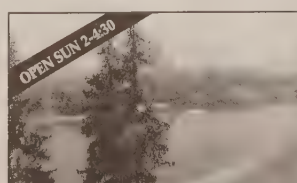
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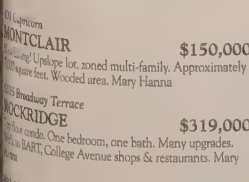
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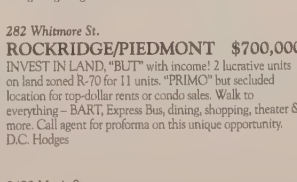
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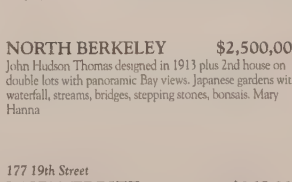
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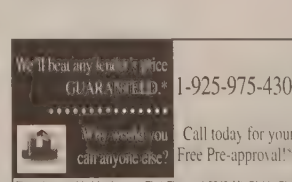
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Now let's consider the contract, the most important piece of evidence for your case. It should contain the contract amount, responsibilities of the contractor, specifications for the work, a start date, and terms of payment. It should also contain the contractor's license number, and the "Notice to Owner" statement about lien rights. If any of the required notices are not in the contract, the contractor may be in violation of license law. If the contract does not contain a specific start date or specifications for the job, it may be a disadvantage to the consumer in trying to establish their claim.

The consumer's responsibilities revolve around the fact that they requested the contract, and agreed to the price and terms. This means that as long as the contractor performs the work according to the contract and that the work was done in a workmanlike manner, the consumer shall pay the agreed upon price.

The final consideration is the fact that the claim in the dispute cannot exceed the maximum amount of \$5,000.00. If you decide to use small claims court to resolve an issue between you and the contractor, you will be the "plaintiff" (the person filing the lawsuit), and the contractor will be the defendant (the person being sued). However, before you can actually file a claim, you must first prove that you have con-

tacted the defendant and requested payment or restitution for damages you have suffered. It is best to do this in writing.

A claim is usually filed in the county within which the contract was entered into, or the work performed, and must be filed within certain statutes of limitations. If the claim involves an oral contract, the statute of limitation is two years, a written contract has a four year statute of limitation, and if there was an injury involved, the claim must be made within one year of the injury or its discovery.

Once the claim is filed with the Clerk of the Court, the other party must be served notice of the claim. This can be done via the mail, or through the services of a process server. If you suspect that the person being served will not be forthcoming in accepting the notice, you will want to use a process server. The costs of serving an individual are usually collectable as court costs.

When you go to Small Claims Court, you will want to bring three copies of all documentation. It's important for you to have documentation regarding the contract and proof of all the damages claimed, in an organized and concise manner. Before your case is heard, you will be asked to share all of your evidence with the other party, so they will know what you will be presenting. You will then need to present a copy to the judge. Once the other party has reviewed the information, you will be able to present your case first, and then the defendant will respond. It's best if you do not in-

terrupt when the other side is speaking, the judge will give you time to respond.

After hearing both sides, the judge will usually take the case under consideration and notify the parties of his or her decision within 30 days. Once you receive a judgment, you will have to collect it from the defendant, because the court will not do this for you. The defendant has 30 days to pay, or the judgment becomes legally enforceable.

For more information and resources on small claims court, All About Homes has developed a four page consumer handout which you can obtain for free by contacting our office, or by visiting our Web site at www.allabouthomes.com, and clicking on the "Legal Considerations" link, and then on the "Small Claims" link.

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BY ROBERT J. BRUSS
ANALYST NEWS FEATURES

Dear Bob: In November 2002 I purchased my first home, a house under construction. The sale was supposed to close Feb. 15, 2003. I arranged my mortgage and other closing details. By February, however, the house was far from completion. With the house unfinished by Feb. 15, the seller claimed the house was "out of contract" and listed it for sale with a realty agent at \$20,000 more than my purchase price. The seller told my agent the only way I can buy now is to pay the higher price. Home prices in the area have increased dramatically since I contracted to buy. Can the seller legally claim the purchase contract is void when the seller failed to deliver the house on time? What is my recourse? — Catherine D

Dear Catherine: Run, don't walk, to the nearest real estate attorney's office. You are being ripped-off by the seller.

The real estate attorney will probably advise suing the seller for specific performance of your purchase contract and recording a lis pendens against the title to effectively prevent the seller from selling to anyone else or placing a new

mortgage on the property.

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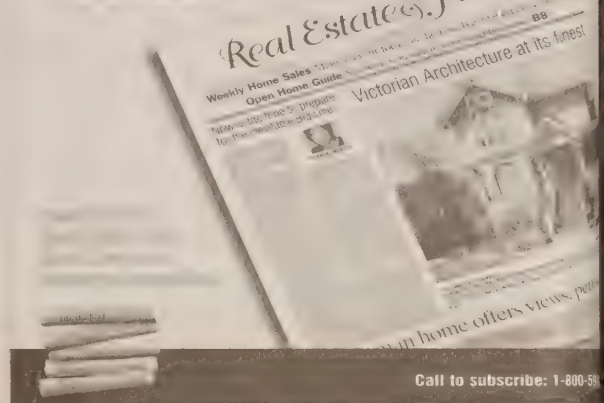
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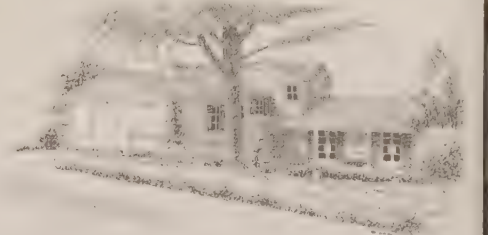
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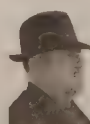


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East coast's building trends are moving across the country

■ Courtyards rather than sidewalks and fewer 'cookie-cutter' houses are a few of the concepts growing in popularity

BY ALAN J. HEAVENS

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

East is east, and so on, but these days, the building trends of one region often find takers in other areas of the country.

Consider the "village green" concept, where homes or stores are arranged around a green courtyard with sidewalks instead of parking spaces. A fixture on the East Coast since the first settlers, the idea has found its way to California, according to McLean, Va., architect Bill Devereaux.

"East Coast imagery makes inroads in the West," he said. "One developer wanted Colonial-style buildings around a village green, and that's what he gave them." He acknowledged that the growing influence of the traditional-neighborhood-design movement has made ideas such as village greens palatable elsewhere.

Architects and planners involved in the "neo-traditional"

movement have tried to incorporate elements of older towns and neighborhoods into their projects.

Some home buyers, discouraged by the choice of homes in new developments, complain about the "cookie-cutter" appearance of houses along suburban streets.

Novelty also sells. On its first foray into the Texas market several years ago, Toll Bros., the luxury-home builder, introduced the walk-out basement to the Dallas market, an area where the shifting soil usually precludes below-ground amenities.

The basements gave Toll a nice business in a highly competitive market.

Regional tastes basically can be summed up in this way: In the Northeast, people tend to entertain formally. They prefer a formal living room and dining room and a separate family room, instead of a "great room" with an eating area.

What this means is that the formal living room is still being included in new houses, even though they have disappeared in other areas of the country.

The average buyer in the Northeast prefers a traditional two-

story with three bedrooms, 2½ baths and 2,042 square feet of living space. If the builder could add 100 square feet of living space to a house, buyers would want it in the family room or living room.

The Midwest favors comfortable family living and prefers a great room. The 100 square feet of extra space would be in the family room or kitchen.

The average new house in the Midwest is a traditional two-story brick structure with 2,072 square feet of space.

In the South, informal living is preferred. Buyers want a great room and are evenly split on the question of a great room with an eating area versus a formal dining area. The 100 square feet would be earmarked for a family room.

The average is a single-story brick, traditional-style house with 2,135 square feet of space.

In the West, half the buyers want a detached house, and 30 percent of all buyers will build a one-of-a-kind custom house. A single-story traditional-style house with a stucco exterior is the favorite.

However, clustering housing — as many as 10 units to an acre — is easier to do in California than in Pennsylvania, according to De-

vereaux, who works with developers all over the Northeast.

"Density is tougher to swallow on the East Coast than on the West Coast because, in the East, buyers still want a formal entry and privacy," he said.

One trend that is fast becoming national is finding something to do with the garage other than having it out front.

But getting rid of what is being called the "snout-nose garage" is not as easy as one thinks, especially with the increase in lot prices and the need to fit houses into smaller, tighter lots.

"We're constantly fighting the garage battle," Devereaux said. "Topography often works against you. You need 32 feet for a side-entry garage, so if you don't have it, you take it around back, and turn it into a sports court with basketball goal."

"You can also angle the garage to the house," he said. "Sometimes buyers will even accept a front garage as long as there is some architectural interest to the front of the house."

Bloodgood, Sharp Buster, an architectural firm with offices in the West, South and Midwest, recently won a top-10 spot in

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Builder magazine's "100 best-selling communities" category with its "house forward" elevations.

Even when the garage appears on the front of the house, it is pushed way back or balanced with a large front porch.

Innovative garages

California builders are the

most innovative when solving the out-front problem, said Joan McLean, editor at Better Homes and Gardens magazine.

"They're pushing the back and putting a room at the front yard," she said.

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"pulling back a garage a foot from the front isn't the answer," Devereaux says. "You need to pull it back at least 12 feet to solve the problem. In this way, you can add that is large enough to outdoor living."

Outdoor rooms are every bit as important to a buyer as interior spaces," McCloskey said. "Homeowners want their carefully planted yards and water features to look attractive at night as well as in the day."

"We've got outdoor kitchens, family rooms with fire pits, dining gazebos and sleeping porches," she said. "In other words, we've nearly built another whole house."

Barry Berkus said the ideal was "to have every room open out onto a courtyard."

Courtyard courtyards

Accessible courtyards have become so popular in multifamily construction that Philadelphia developer Carl Dranoff removed

thousands of tons of concrete from the middle of his Left Bank luxury apartment project in University City to create one.

He is doing the same thing in Camden, N.J., by opening up a railroad siding in the middle of the old RCA building, which he is also converting to luxury apartments.

Filling vacant spaces between buildings in the city — known as infill housing — has made its way from the older cities of the East and Midwest to other areas of the country, as well as to the older suburbs of these cities.

"On narrow lots 36 wide by 100 feet deep, 24-foot-wide singles are becoming million-dollar houses in the center of the city," Barry Berkus said.

To create a secure gathering space, these urban infills often feature interior courtyards instead of front or back yards, which also means that "we can take architecture and articulate past times on buildings without making them look too phony," he said.

While some city buyers are looking for million-dollar luxury,

Once limited to the warmer areas of the country where the climate permitted year-round use, the courtyard is becoming an integral part of residential construction, especially in multifamily projects and single houses in urban areas.

others are looking for simplicity, he said.

"All they want is a living room/kitchen and a bed," Barry Berkus said. "They might have a similar place in New York, and their jobs require them to move around a lot."

"Make them hip," he said. "Remember, the industrial look is in."

Better know your U's and R's when choosing windows

POPULAR MECHANICS

Buying the right energy-efficient windows for your own particular needs goes beyond considering just the R value of the glazing system. The window frames also should play an important role in the buying decision, as should the location of the house and where in the house the new windows will be installed.

Energy ratings

Most manufacturers provide both the center-of-glass and the entire window energy ratings. Obviously, the entire window R value is a better indicator of performance. Don't be confused if you see a U value alongside the familiar R rating. They are different sides of the same coin.

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U values to R values by dividing the U value into 1.

Shading coefficient

This rating tells how much solar energy a window captures. A single pane of glass has a shading coefficient of 1. A blocked window would be rated at 0.

So, if reducing cooling costs is important, pick a window that has a low shading coefficient. Tinted windows are good choices, but

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4 BR 3.5 BA Wonderful renovation, level back & front yard, fab finishes, gourmet kitchen w/granite slab counters & state-of-art appliances, formal living/dining.

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3 BR 2.5 BA Charming Colonial Revival. Back garden featured in Sunset magazine, recently remodeled kitchen, formal dining, big master suite, 2 fireplaces.

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5372 Thomas Ave.
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4 + BR 2 BA 1923 Craftsman w/Old World charm. Tastefully updated; great natural light; Bay & hill views; close to shops & bus. Special!

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7245 Buckingham Blvd.
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4 BR 3 BA New price! Striking Contemporary w/terrific natural light. Entertainer's delight - nice open floor plan & very dramatic. Some views too!

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2 + BR 2 BA Architectural showpiece! Maple & granite chef's kitchen, FDR w/turret, double LR w/irp, radiant heat, yard, decks, basement, det. garage.

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212 Kenyon Ave
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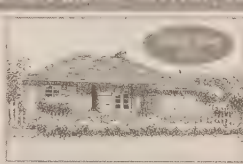
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1128 Cedar St
\$425,000
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LINCOLN HEIGHTS
2801 Kitchener Ct.
\$589,000
Sun 2 - 5

3 BR 1.5 BA Incred. 40's-style detail; City views, level yards; quiet location & spacious; new kitchen, 2 FP, HWF, fab. windows, den & family room, workshop & gar.

Carol Brown 510.339.4700



MONTECLAIR
6100 Chelton
\$490,000
Sun 2 - 4:30

3 BR 1 BA Located in prestigious Piedmont Pines with tons of potential! Enjoy hwdw floors, FLR, FDR, eat-in kitchen, large deck, natural garden & 1+ car garage.

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FIRST OPENS

WALNUT CREEK (NORTHWEST)
972 Monet Circle
\$764,900
Sun 2 - 5

4 + BR 3 BA Better than new! 3-years-old, approx. 2700 sq. ft., secluded, level front & rear yards, Maple & Corian kitchen w/island, 1 bedroom down, loft, Jacuzzi.

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4108 Coolidge
\$539,000
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3 BR 2 BA Clean lines & no loose ends. Lovely home w/gorgeous HWF, vaulted-beamed ceilings, updated kitchen, FP, FDR, level out to pretty yard, att. garage.

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4201 Maple Ave
\$489,000
Sun 2 - 5

2 BR 1 BA Starting or scaling back, 1-level in/out, new kitchen/bath, paint, landscape! Open floor plan; park-like yard. Bonus: peek-out-Bay & Viking range.

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CHINA HILL
364 Lester Ave
\$488,500
Sun 1 - 4

2 + BR 1 BA Urban retreat. City living at its best! Enjoy versatile floor plan; big, nonconforming downstairs features LR, 2+BR, kitchen & bath. Sunny, delightful

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OAKLAND
371 30th St
\$409,000
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2 BR 2 BA Last 2 condos! Hurry! Beautiful new building close to FDR, Piedmont Ave., Lake & Downtown. 9' ceilings, HWF, granite, w/d, 1-car parking, elevator.

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MAXWELL PARK
3018 Seminary
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Sun 2 - 5

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OAKLAND
4 BR 2.5 BA 8 rooms. Upper Rockridge/Claremont Pines. Born 1993, stately traditional 2 story home offers amenities, customizations & touches. Views of hills.

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4 BR 3 full BA + 2 half Custom Construction w/arched openings, sunken living room & high ceilings! Office, 2 kitchens, HWF & mud room make this a must see!

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3 + BR 2.5 BA Huge, approx. 1/4 acre lot, spa, level yard & upside floor; large family room, FP, HWF, private yet near the Village.

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5 BR 3 BA Fabulous home w/large kid/family room, HWF, beamed ceilings, FLR, FDR, custom built-ins, storage, workshop, large level yard, big deck.

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4 BR 2.5 BA Large Contemporary built in 1992. New carpet, paint & tile. Conventual location - motivated seller.

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CROCKER
3 + BR 2 BA Darling home by larger ones. HWF, FP, 2BR/1BA up; 1BR/1BA + large rec. room & workshop down; great storage, garage; near shops; EZ SF commute.

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2 + BR 1 BA Montclair retreat. Serene & private. Warm woods, vaulted ceilings, dramatic FP, updated kitchen, den, studio, dog run, garage & great garden.

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2 BR 1 BA Charming Montclair Cottage. Plus room off master, chef's kitchen w/slate & granite, updated bath, huge redone deck, large workshop, serene outlooks.

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6 BR 5 BA & 2 kitchens! Great for extended or multi-families. Needs TLC. Beautiful views & a large yard lend additional features to this property.

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BERKELEY
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CROCKER
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A: What you heard about was a product called Permaedge, an add-on edge detail for use with plastic laminate tops. The product is available from BMD Industrial Distribution, a wholesale product distribution company in Sunnyvale. Permaedge is intended for new installations rather than refabrication. In some cases, Permaedge could be added to an existing countertop, but the countertop would first have to be removed.

The special tools that are used to make the joint between the countertop and the Permaedge cannot be used on most countertops while they are in place on top of the cabinets or against a wall. The front edge and the top of the back splash of a plastic laminate top usually are finished with either a squared or rounded surface.

Occasionally, someone gets creative and adds a piece of wood trim instead. This limits the variety of appearances that a plastic laminate top can have to the pattern and color of the top material and the few edge selections noted here.

As a result, it is difficult to create a plastic laminate top that is unique. For this reason, some folks think that plastic laminate tops are not an "upgrade" finish. But plastic laminate tops are among the easiest to maintain. Permaedge is a relatively new concept in the fabrication of plastic laminate countertop edges.

The manufacturer has developed several interesting edge shapes that have been made even more attractive to the user by providing multiple colors and patterns. The beveled-edge style, for example, has a front surface (about 3/4-inch wide), a 45-degree bevel (about 1/2-inch wide) and a top surface (about 1-inch wide). Each surface can be finished with a different color and style of plastic laminate material.

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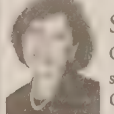
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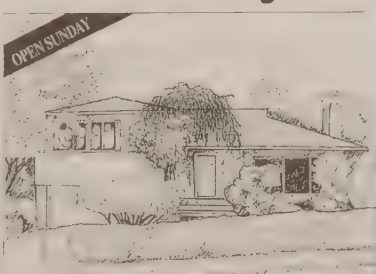
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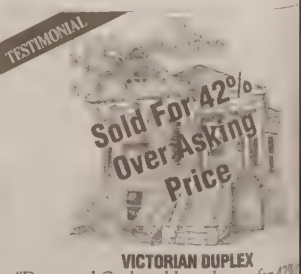
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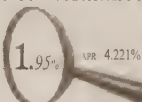
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Each month, the California Association of Realtors (C.A.R.) produces the Housing Affordability Index, which measures the percentage of households that can afford the median priced home un-

der prevailing market conditions. The percentage of households in California able to afford a median-priced home was 30 percent in February, unchanged compared to the same period a year ago, according to C.A.R. The housing affordability index for Alameda County for February 2003 was 24 percent.

The minimum annual household income needed to purchase a median-priced home at \$497,600 in Alameda County in February was \$107,400, based on a typical 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage at 5.93 percent and assuming a 20 percent down payment.

The median income in Alameda County for 2002 was \$69,954. At that income level a buyer would could purchase a \$325,000 home with 20 percent down. However, most buyers don't have a 20 percent down payment.

In response to the rising cost of homes, there has been an influx of loan programs that help borrowers with low or no down payment to qualify for the most amount of house possible.

A buyer with an annual income of \$69,954 and satisfactory credit can find a no down payment option in which they would qualify for a purchase price of about \$270,000 based on a conventional 30-year fixed rate loan. Unfortunately, there aren't many \$270,000 homes for sale in the Bay Area.

There is some hope

We are seeing more and more

loan programs that have a combination of lower interest rates and higher qualifying ratios that allow people to buy more house than a conventional home loan would allow. Cities, counties, state and federal government, lenders and investors are working hard to create programs that allow more qualified people to purchase a home.

However, there is still more that needs to be done. The affordability problem will not be solved anytime soon. California is expected to add 500,000 new residents and form 250,000 new households each year through 2010, but only about 150,000 new housing units are being constructed each year. With an implied supply shortfall of 100,000 housing units, the situation will only get worse in the coming years.

This problem raises concerns beyond the real estate community. As the economy expands over time and creates jobs, workers will seek homes but find they are in short supply. In this sense, the housing shortage may be a major constraint to California's growth potential in the coming years.

The Bay East Association of Realtors is concerned about the lack of affordable housing in our area. The association has become actively involved in the search for a solution to this growing situation. Housing Opportunity activities are planned throughout the year to help inform and involve our members and the local community.

Bay Area Realtors are rising to meet the housing affordability challenge. Many of the same factors that produced the housing crisis in the 1980s remain the same today: population pressure, growth-control issues and escalating home prices showing few, if any, signs of abatement.

Housing Summit planned

As a step toward finding an answer, Bay East has joined with other Northern California Realtor Associations, the League of California Cities and Wells Fargo Home Mortgage hosted the second Housing Summit Wednesday in Pleasanton.

The leadership from over 40 Realtor associations, CAR and NAR will gather together with city and county elected officials, government housing department staff, non-profit housing groups, lenders and building industry leadership to exchange information, ideas, answers and to find creative ways to help families achieve the American Dream of homeownership.

Additional information about the summit can be found on the www.forhousing.com Web site.

New Web site for housing information

The Northern California Housing Coalition has developed a new Web

site www.forhousing.com. This site is aimed at providing awareness and providing a portal for information on attainable housing in Northern California.

The Coalition, which is made up of local Realtor associations in Northern California, created a Web portal for education and awareness purposes. This site is geared towards both Realtor members as well as the general public interested in the home sales transaction, wanting to learn more about the process

Adjusting thermostat saves money

BY KEN SHEINKOPF
ORLANDO SENTINEL

If you really want to save energy and cut your utility bills at home, there's one secret weapon you already have that can do the job for you. It's your finger, and all you need to do is walk over to the thermostat on the wall and adjust the setting a few degrees — up in summer to reduce your air-conditioning use and down in winter to lower your heating use.

There are so many high-tech gadgets available today that people sometimes forget about that simple little thermostat that's been on the wall for years. You can set it to whatever you would like, and it then controls the air conditioner and heater to your liking.

There are misconceptions, though, that prevent people from taking full advantage of their home thermostat's power to reduce their energy use while maintaining adequate indoor comfort. Here are just a few of them:

■ Turn the thermostat down really low if you want to cool the house faster in summer or raise it really high in winter to get heat right away.

Thermostats and heating and cooling equipment don't work that way. No matter what the thermostat setting is, you'll get the temperature you want when the heater or air conditioner regulates the air to that set point. Settings beyond the desired point just keep the system running longer.

■ When you raise or lower a thermostat beyond the usual setting, the air conditioner or furnace will work harder to get back to the comfort level you want, increasing energy use.

Research shows this is not the case at all. The longer you can keep the thermostat set to the higher level in summer and lower level in winter, the more money you will save.

■ It's best to set the thermostat to one point and leave it alone. The system works best this way.

Yes and no on this one. If, for example, you're going to be away from home for a few hours and the house will be empty, you'll certainly save energy if you adjust the thermostat higher in summer and lower in winter, and then put it back to the desired level when you return. Why pay to heat or cool a house to the levels you like if you're not there to enjoy it?

On the other hand, if you're home and the setting is where you like it, then leave it alone for now. The times to make thermostat changes are when your indoor lifestyle changes — for example, you turn on a ceiling fan, light some logs in the fireplace, put on a sweater, go to sleep or leave the house empty while everyone is at work or school.

While a thermostat is a simple device to use, it has one huge drawback: It only does what you tell it to do. If you go out for the day and forget to adjust it, it won't make any changes in the set-point. If you get up on a cold morning and the house is freezing, that probably means the thermostat set the heater to the point you chose last night.

Reasons such as these are why programmable thermostats are getting so popular.

Check out some building-supply or hardware stores in your area and look at the different types of programmable thermostats on the market today. Pick out a good one that will be accurate and has the number of settings you need.

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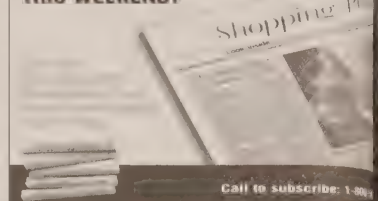
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Bay Area Realtors meet the housing challenge. Many of the that produced the housing the 1980s remain the population pressure, control issues and escalating prices showing few, if any, abatement.

NOT SURE WHAT TO COOK THIS WEEKEND?



BERKELEY HILLS REALTY

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On The Web

52 Chancellor Place, Claremont Hills
(Alvarado to Amato to Drury to Chancellor)
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

New Mediterranean with S.F. Riviera vistas! Architectural brilliance. Divine master suite plus 2 add'l bedrooms & study. Kitchen/family room opens to jewel garden. Best value!
Warren Lei, 524-9888 x14, \$1,250,000.

2943 Russell St., Berkeley
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30

New List! A grand & spacious gem (3,003 sq. ft. per assessor's records) in Berkeley's coveted Claremont District. Lrg., sunny living rm. & formal dining rm. (each w/fireplace), 4 bdrms., 3 baths, office, family rm. off kitchen opens to rear patio. Beautiful hwd. flrs. refinished by Tulip Floors, lrg. basement w/workshop & great storage.
Peter Damm, 524-9888 x13, \$1,150,000.

2701 Mountaingate Way, Montclair
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30

New List! Level-in custom home w/3 lrg. bdrms & 3 baths. Panoramic Bay views, new hwd flrs, patio-balcony off kitchen & living rm, sep. dining rm w/built ins. Updated kitchen w/eating area, pantry & patio/balcony. Living rm w/lrg. frplc. Sep. fam. rm w/frplc. Huge workshop-art studio. Lvl bkdy. 2+ car garage. Near Montclair Village & schools.
Chris Ehlers-Hardie, 524-9888 x22, \$760,000.

656 Arlington Ave., Berkeley
By Appointment

3+ bdrms. 2.5 baths. Come enjoy this 1924 Mediterranean-style, sun-filled delight! This splendid home features a courtyard entry, cathedral ceiling, arched windows and doors, faux-finished plaster walls, hardwood floor and more.
Bill McDowell, 524-9888 x30, \$685,000.

1021 Ridgeview Dr., El Sobrante
(Right off San Pablo Dam Rd.)
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

New List! Beautiful 2-year old, 4 bdrm, 3 bath home in small, new, planned community just 6 miles to Orinda. Beautiful mountain view! This gorgeous home has hwd flrs, soaring ceilings, open gourmet kitchen, lrg., cozy family rm & master bdrm on 1st flr. This lovely home backs up to a peaceful greenbelt—very private & quiet.
Denise Milburn, 524-9888 x35, \$565,000.

320 Caldecott Ln., #309
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

Gorgeous 2 bdrm, 2 bath w/spacious loft, ideal for office or 3rd bdrm. Beautiful, stylish colors, open gourmet kitchen, cathedral ceilings, 2 separate master bdrm suites + lots more.
Denise Milburn, 524-9888 x35, \$401,000.

Parkwoods Condominiums, Oakland



220 Caldecott Ln., #109
By Appointment

Nice, newly painted 1 bdrm. on quiet side of complex. New carpet, gas fireplace, private balcony. Excellent amenities including pool, hot tub, sauna, security, express bus to S.F. and BART.
Denise Milburn, 524-9888 x35, \$401,000.

6688 Colton, Montclair
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

3+ bdrms. 2 baths. Warm Contemporary with wonderful vistas. The open floor plan is accented with random-plank hardwood floors and Tahoe character. The master bedroom features a stunning slate master bath. This home embraces serenity and feels thoroughly comfortable.
Bill and Tracy, 524-9888 x33, \$499,000.

1007 Peralta, Albany
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30

New Listing! Sweet shingled cottage with open living spaces. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, study, remodeled kitchen. Master opens to private, fenced garden. Great location off Solano Ave.
Nancy Mueller, 524-9888 x20, \$499,000.

832 Ramona, Albany
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

2 bdrm, 1 bath. In a desirable neighborhood, this sophisticated Bungalow combines original character with impeccable taste. Favored floor plan unfolds from the dignified entry, through the living room and formal dining room, towards the kitchen with breakfast nook. Well cared for, with a play-friendly yard and manicured lawn.
Tracy and Bill, 524-9888 x33, \$489,000.

1767 Euclid Ave., #5, Berkeley
By Appointment

New List! Charming, sun-drenched, 1 bdrm corner unit on top floor w/no shared walls. Hwd flrs, spacious kitchen w/eating area & lots of great storage inside. In 6-unit complex, 1 block to North campus. Close to BART, Gourmet Ghetto, & wonderful shops and restaurants.
Denise Milburn, 524-9888 x35, \$299,950.

1801 University Ave., #307, Berkeley
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

New List! Stylish, sun-drenched corner 1 bedroom in newer, small complex. Hwd flrs, open kitchen, spacious bdrm, washer/dryer hook ups, shared inner courtyard. Can be used as a physically-handicapped unit.
Jane Allen, 524-9888 x23, \$401,000.

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Mortgage company draws complaints on alleged scam

homeowner night-
You sent in your
mortgage payment on
the mortgage company
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one month behind and
late fees
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you sent in additional
on time, but the mort-
company counts you as 60
in arrears. Worse yet,
you are informing you
have records of a hazard
policy on your home.
"force-placing" coverage
at a premium charge
prevailing market rates
the fact that you can
written proof that a valid
policy already exists on
your home.

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a letter announcing that
you are about to be fore-
closed. The only way you can pre-
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tion fees, plus sev-
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cover expenses.
Incredible? Hundreds of
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gage companies say it is not. Their
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yers have prompted investigations
and agencies and multi-
state attorneys to deter-
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processes to squeeze money out of
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lawsuits, this much is clear:
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anger against Fairbanks Capital Corp. and its majority owner — PMI Mortgage Insurance Corp. — is on a scale rarely seen in the American home mortgage market.

You can read the consumer allegations in exhaustive detail on a Web site created and run by customers and former business associates, www.conti-fairbanks.com. For its part, Utah-based Fairbanks denies the allegations and says the joint investigations by the Federal Trade Commission and the inspector general of the Department of Housing and Urban Development will turn up nothing improper.

Fairbanks' president, Bill Garland, says his firm's status as the

highest-volume servicer of "non-prime" home loans in the country makes it a predictable target for complaints. Nonprime loans are those made to home buyers with anywhere from slightly imperfect credit histories to those with grave financial problems, including bankruptcy. Of the 600,000 home loans that Fairbanks services, according to Garland, 30 percent — almost 200,000 homeowners — are currently "more than two payments behind." Fully 45,000 of Fairbanks' loans are in the process of being foreclosed.

"We have litigation in this business, it's part of the business," says Garland.

However, lawyers representing

Most of the plaintiffs in the suit allege some version of a similar story: Payments they made on time were improperly administered or not credited. Late fees, insurance charges and foreclosure-related fees cascaded upon them month after month.

plaintiffs in class-action suits say many of the people who are counted as defaulted or heading for foreclosure by Fairbanks shouldn't be in that position at all.

In a California complaint consolidating four separate class actions, lawyers charged that Fairbanks'

servicing practices amount to a default-manufacturing "scheme ... to generate revenues for itself and PMI." The suit, now pending in Contra Costa County Superior Court, charges that Fairbanks reaps profits by intentionally "failing to credit (borrowers') payments,"



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using defaults "to improperly assess and collect fees," illegally force-placing revenue-producing hazard insurance policies, and "collecting illegal attorney fees" in connection with foreclosure proceedings.

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marvin gardens real estate



RICHMOND ANNEX 5825 Panama \$385,000
Sunny annex bungalow on a lovely block. This tasteful 2 bedroom, 1 bath features a fireplace, dining room, beautiful hardwood floors, updated bath & extra space over garage. French doors open onto a lush, private garden. A perfect urban retreat.

Open Sunday, May 11th, 2-4:30
Sue Nelson

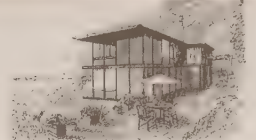
559-1444 x25



BERKELEY 2624 Hillglen \$672,000
A HISTORIC LANDMARK. Original Berkeley Tennis Club designed by Walter Ratcliff, circa 1908. Award quality architectural craftsman detail. First time ever on market! Converted to 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in 1920. Formal dining room, fireplace in living room.
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Open Sunday 2-4
Kathie Berg

559-1444 x34



BERKELEY 604 Panoramic Way \$729,000
EXQUISITE PANORAMIC HILL RETREAT
Completely remodeled 2+ bedroom, 2 bath home with detached income producing Euro-style cottage. True panoramic views, romantic master suite with private bath for two! Indoor/outdoor living, designer kitchen, plus room/office, large private lot near miles of hiking trails. Peaceful retreat just minutes from urban amenities.

Open Sunday 2-4
Ken Katz

527-2700 x40



ALBANY 624 Masonic Ave. \$449,000
QUALITY & COMFORT abound in this charming, all one level 3 bedroom with large yard & attached one-car garage. Lots of upgrades and super clean! Convenient location, close to BART and Solano Ave. amenities.

Open Sunday 2-4
Julia Wynberg

527-2700 x31

ROCKRIDGE 6481 Bevanue \$399,000
Fabulous location on a quiet street! Near shops, BART, amenities, 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo with hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen. Formal dining room, storage, share laundry. Light, bright and spacious.

Open Sunday 2-4
Gloria Polanski

292-3049



RICHMOND - MARINA BAY 2604 Beach Head Ct. \$365,000
Bay Front in Richmond! Two-story contemporary townhouse with two plus bedrooms, 3 baths, combined living/dining area. Gated community with pool. Steps to Marina, easy commute to Marina, BART, Jerr, Hwy. 580 & 80.

Open Sunday 2-4
Maria Estrada

559-2930

KENSINGTON 129 Windsor Ave. \$575,000
Delightful home in peaceful cul-de-sac. Three bedrooms, two baths, beautiful wide-plank hardwood floors, formal dining room, sunny living room. San Francisco Bay and Bridge views. Lovely gardens front and back.

Open Sunday 2-4
Barbara Kaplan

559-2910

SAN PABLO 1249 Marin Ave. \$365,000
Experience country quiet in a three bedroom, two bath home that is loaded with charm. Family room with beamed ceilings, parquet floors, and wood shutters, master suite. Beautiful, big backyard. Limited street traffic.

Open Sunday 2-4
Bonnie Scott

559-2903

EL CERRITO 418 Richmond St. \$399,000
Great 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Two bedrooms, 1 bath upstairs; 2 bedrooms, 1 bath down. Lower level renovated with permits, has separate entrance and kitchen (great non-rental in-law). Nice yard. Walk to EC BART, Plaza. Clean and bright.

Open Saturday and Sunday 2-4
Joan Shuren

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ALBANY \$619,000
3/1 - Mediterranean home with remodeled kitchen and bath. Hardwood floors, fireplace, formal living & dining rooms. Level rear yard.
1053 Peralta Avenue
Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY - NEW LISTING \$675,000
Triplex - Two 2 bedroom units, one 4 bedroom unit. Lovely gardens. Great for partners or for home + income.
1629 Stuart Street
Open 2-4



BERKELEY \$589,000
3+2 - Beautiful Craftsman style on a special street! Fireplace, hardwood floors, master suite, Tree top views from the deck. This is It!
1708 Vine Street
Open 2-4



BERKELEY \$858,000
2 Units (One 3/2 & one 2/1) + exceptional 2,885 sq. ft. workshop. Live and work near 4th Street shops & restaurants. 5,685 sq. ft. total.
923-25 Delaware Street
Open 2-4



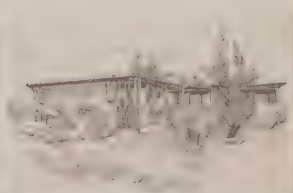
BERKELEY \$949,000
3/2 - Sunny Contemporary. Spectacular panoramic Bay Views from every window. Serene garden settings. Close to UC & Gourmet Ghetto.
987 Euclid Avenue
Open 2-4



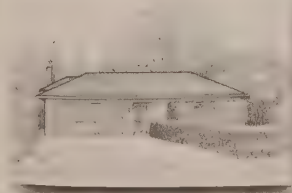
BERKELEY \$699,000
Duplex - Two 4BD/2BA units in the heart of Oceanview, rent control exempt, delivered vacant. 2 blocks to 4th St. shops & restaurants.
1805-07 Sixth Street
Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY \$499,000
2/1 - Charming bungalow with large living and dining rooms, built-ins, large kitchen, lots of natural wood, stained glass window, more!
2639 Dana Street
Open 2-4



EL CERRITO - NEW LISTING \$579,000
3/2 - Spacious home on a big lot with panoramic views! Classic mid-century, hardwood floors, fireplace, windows galore.
1449 Arlington Boulevard
Open 1-5



KENSINGTON - NEW LISTING \$615,000
3/1.5 - Sunny Mediterranean on a quiet street. Hardwood floors, filtered view, private courtyard, vaulted ceiling, formal dining room.
255 Lake Drive
Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$250,000
2/1 - Great opportunity! Bring your imagination to this great starter home/cosmetic fixer. Creative financing is welcome.
1825 73rd Street
Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$599,000
4/2 - 2 story shingle Traditional. Updated eat-in-kitchen, formal dining room, new furnace, bolted & shear walled foundation, redwood deck.
4145 Randolph Avenue
Open 2-4:30



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Room with a view

MANY HOMES BUILT more than a decade ago were disjointed collections of individual rooms. Modern design has torn down walls to let spaces flow together. The opening shown here creates an interesting view from the kitchen into a family room through an arched opening. This allows a visual connection between the spaces, and lets light flow between the rooms. It also allows conversation that would not have been possible with a wall that closes one space off from another. Think about the relationship between rooms in your home, and where a strategically placed arched opening might modernize your home.

WEEKLY SALES

ALAMEDA

3264 Adams St - \$460,000
2994 Baywalk Rd - \$575,000
754 Buena Vista Av - \$360,000
2000 Central Av #1 - \$270,000
803 Central Av - \$450,000
2524 Eagle Av - \$400,000
3277 Encinal Av - \$402,000
3224 Garfield Av - \$560,000
109 Ironwood Rd - \$486,000
1125 Island Dr - \$403,000
325 Kitty Hawk 101 - \$265,000
1516 Lincoln Av - \$485,000
340 Lincoln Av - \$369,000
1819 Ohlone St - \$630,500
1808 Pearl St - \$562,000
12 Redondo Ct - \$483,000
2 Ross Rd - \$625,000
2708 San Jose Av - \$425,000
30 Sea Bridge Wy - \$692,000
2101 Shoreline 477 - \$356,000

ALBANY

924 Evelyn Av - \$399,000
1015 Santa Fe Av - \$495,000
719 Spokane Av - \$575,000

BERKELEY

2433 7th St - \$720,000
2022 9th St - \$275,000
920 Bataan Av - \$362,000
2067 Bonar St - \$430,000
1817 Capistrano - \$885,000
1735 Cedar St - \$580,000
2769 Dohr St - \$382,000
1235 Gilman St - \$621,000
800 Grizzly Peak Bl - \$667,000
29 Hillcrest Rd - \$1,171,000
850 Keeler Av - \$705,000
2435 McKinley Av - \$535,000
1500 Milvia St - \$375,000
51 Oakvale Av #2 - \$585,000
1419 Queens Rd - \$425,000
8 Rosemont Av - \$759,000
2938 Russell St - \$1,788,000
630 San Miguel Av - \$982,000
1654 San Pablo #B - \$223,500
2125 Spaulding Av - \$400,000
5 Stevenson Av - \$706,000
975 Tulare Av - \$600,000

EL CERRITO

806 Galvin Dr - \$587,000
6511 Hagen Bl - \$550,000
5901 Jordan Av - \$675,000
1902 Junction Av - \$400,000
5308 MacDonald Av - \$545,000
108 Pomona Av - \$420,000
1580 Regency Ct - \$240,000
5370 Rosalind Av - \$440,000

EL SOBRANTE

609 Del Valle Cr - \$216,000
4932 Hilltop Dr - \$289,000
4024 Lambert Rd - \$335,000
5713 Oliver Ct - \$575,000
6303 Street John Ln - \$660,000
4600 Whitesands Ct - \$265,000

EMERYVILLE

1200 65th 111 - \$394,000
1200 65th 219 - \$465,000
9 Commodore 109 - \$327,000
5855 Horton 401 - \$345,000
5855 Horton 414 - \$460,000
5855 Horton 415 - \$338,500
5855 Horton 505 - \$457,000
5855 Horton 516 - \$320,000
5855 Horton 722 - \$262,000

KENSINGTON

737 Coventry Rd - \$535,000

230 Stanford Av

OAKLAND

2424 106th Av - \$1,100,000
1715 10th St - \$1,100,000
1732 11th St - \$1,100,000
1871 25th Av - \$1,100,000
2224 25th Av - \$1,100,000
661 31st St - \$1,100,000
1051 33rd Av - \$1,100,000
463 36th St - \$1,100,000
3725 39th Av - \$1,100,000
555 43rd St - \$1,100,000
1015 54th Av - \$1,100,000
1923 55th Av - \$1,100,000
2609 55th Av - \$1,100,000
960 56th St - \$1,100,000
1175 58th Av - \$1,100,000
550 59th St - \$1,100,000
356 62nd St - \$1,100,000
622 63rd St - \$1,100,000
3314 64th Av - \$1,100,000
3117 73rd St - \$1,100,000
2536 76th St - \$1,100,000
2676 77th St - \$1,100,000
1140 82nd Av - \$1,100,000
1490 82nd Av - \$1,100,000
1431 85th Av - \$1,100,000
1311 89th Av - \$1,100,000
1620 96th Av - \$1,100,000
4308 Arcadia Av - \$1,100,000

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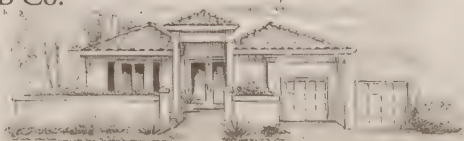


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6057 Buena Vista Avenue, Upper Rockridge

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996 Grosvenor Place, Crocker Highlands

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Offered at \$695,000



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NEW LISTING



69 Wildwood Gardens, Piedmont

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. A gorgeous home in a beautiful setting with city views! Gracious living room with French doors to a wrap-around deck. Remodeled kitchen, luxurious master bedroom suite, round deck and a precious garden below. A 10!

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3001 Maple Av - \$345,000
5223 Market St - \$430,000
5509 Market St - \$330,000
5944 Marshall St - \$305,000
3746 McClelland St - \$320,000
3523 Meadow St - \$190,000
4225 Midvale Av - \$520,000
1701 Mountain Bl - \$700,000
10941 Novelda Dr - \$240,000
567 Oakland Av - \$200,000
16 Observation Pl - \$1,058,500
4129 Penniman A - \$255,000
7101 Pinehaven Rd - \$585,000
4404 Reinhardt Av - \$275,000
5801 Roberts Av - \$275,000
3108 Robinson Dr - \$690,000
3310 Robinson Dr - \$1,004,000
554 Rosal Av - \$625,000
755 Santa Ray Av - \$599,000
4738 Sequoyah Rd - \$548,000
6520 Shepherd Canyon - \$75,000
1037 Siler Pl - \$740,000
42 Starview Dr - \$750,000
9340 Sunnyside St - \$360,000
912 Underhills Rd - \$629,000
500 Vernon St #402 - \$417,500
3707 Viriden Av - \$375,000
713 Walavista Av - \$930,000
5 W E'cadero 122 - \$221,000
4623 West St - \$420,000

4285 Whittie Av - \$522,000
7249 Wild Currant - \$450,000

PIEDMONT

116 El Cerrito Av - \$915,000
1677 Grand Av - \$900,000
110 Maxwellton Rd - \$900,000
225 Ricardo Av - \$791,000

RICHMOND

1015 15th St - \$279,000
525 26th St - \$373,000
674 35th St - \$393,500
741 39th St - \$315,000
1737 3rd St - \$200,000
539 44th St - \$243,000
132 6th St - \$222,000
6203 Bernhard - \$465,000
1201 Brickyard 314 - \$395,000
3110 Bristol Ct - \$385,000
1325 Carlson Bl - \$340,000
3933 Center Av - \$182,000
6886 Claremont Av - \$426,000
4022 Coleman Cr - \$580,000
4059 Coleman Cr - \$549,000
1619 Cutting Bl - \$145,000
2572 Duke Av - \$360,000
2506 Gaynor Av - \$300,000
230 Gertrude Av - \$257,500
2000 Hoffman Bl - \$375,000

636 Humboldt St - \$385,000
4513 Jenkins Wy - \$140,000
5901 Kipling Dr - \$464,000
345 Market Av - \$131,000
602 Rock Rose Wy - \$453,500
621 Rock Rose Wy - \$570,000
3717 Roosevelt Av - \$385,000
5444 Sacramento - \$362,000
2933 San Luis St - \$338,000
1310 Santa Clara St - \$375,000
310 Santa Fe Av - \$495,000
80 Seabreeze Dr - \$565,000
4620 Setting Sun Dr - \$426,500
2906 Shane Dr - \$310,000
166 South 16th St - \$270,000
3678 S. Stonelegn - \$255,000
973 View Dr - \$323,000
4609 Wildwood Ct - \$388,000
515 Williams Dr - \$265,000
95 Windward Wy - \$540,000

SAN LEANDRO

1236 147th Av - \$325,000
1246 147th Av - \$265,000
902 Alice Av - \$355,000
1312 Begier Av - \$475,000
2245 Black Sooter - \$415,000
704 Buriat St - \$610,000

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Homeless to homeowner

Is it possible? Can one go from being homeless to being a homeowner? Are low-income families able to change their renter status to property owner? Melissa Harris of Common Interest Realty in Hayward thinks so. She's willing to show the homeless and low-income families how to make that happen.

"I've been jobless and homeless," said Harris. "I was blessed, Shepherd's Gate helped me to believe in myself and change what was unacceptable in my life. Now I want to give back and help others just like me." (Shepherd's Gate is a women's shelter in Livermore).

Harris joined Common Interest, the now full service real estate company, as a licensed sales agent. In addition to her job, she

also counsels long term residents of Shepherd's Gate. Her specialty has been teaching how to repair credit and how to get on the path to owning a home.

"It occurred to me that I could take this type of counseling and offer it to the public. So many mistakenly believe they can never own a home. This led me to create 'Turning The Homeless into Homeowners' informational clinics.

The first clinic is scheduled at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 17, at Common Interest Realty on Industrial Parkway in Hayward. "The clinic is limited to 10, as we launch this program. Eventually, we hope to book Carnegie Hall," Harris said; RSVP at 510-780-8542 or via e-mail at Melissa-Harris@excite.com.

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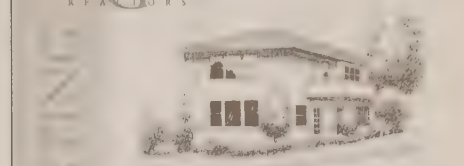
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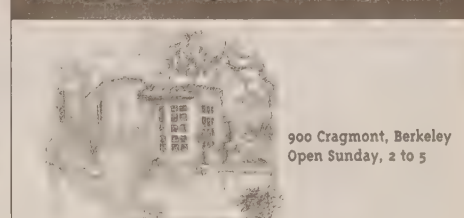
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765 Cary Dr - \$529,000
 607 Cascade Rd - \$310,000
 51 Cornwell Wy - \$385,000
 1078 Douglas Dr - \$342,000
 838 Dowling Bl - \$300,000
 14835 E. 14th 10 - \$270,000
 669 Fargo Av - \$300,000
 685 Fargo Av - \$405,000
 1331 Gardner Bl - \$360,000
 15461 Heron Dr - \$450,000
 1308 Hubbard Av - \$545,000
 715 Joaquin Av - \$505,000
 2342 Longview Dr - \$600,000
 613 Majestic Wy - \$266,000
 1221 Mersey Av - \$350,000
 3579 Monterey Bl - \$480,000
 14868 Saturn Dr - \$535,000
 249 Toler Av - \$320,000
 827 Woodgate Dr - \$318,000

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679 Via Acalanes - \$355,000
 15870 Via Del Sol - \$370,000
 1755 Via Lobos - \$385,000
 16048 Via Walter - \$360,000
 17527 Wickman Pl - \$265,000
 17601 Wickman Pl - \$254,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 20
 LOWEST PRICE: \$265,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$692,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$462,925

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 3
 LOWEST PRICE: \$399,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$575,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$495,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$489,667

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 22
 LOWEST PRICE: \$223,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,788,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$644,386

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 8
 LOWEST PRICE: \$240,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$675,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$482,125

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 6
 LOWEST PRICE: \$216,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$660,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$390,000

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 9
 LOWEST PRICE: \$262,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$465,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$345,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$374,278

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$535,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$912,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$723,500

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 95
 LOWEST PRICE: \$75,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$3,900,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$375,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$464,937

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 4
 LOWEST PRICE: \$791,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$915,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$876,500

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 40
 LOWEST PRICE: \$131,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$580,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$355,650

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 25
 LOWEST PRICE: \$265,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$610,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$360,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$400,600

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 6
 LOWEST PRICE: \$254,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$385,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$331,500

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From the pot to the earth:
Transplanting azaleasBY BUZZ BERTOLERO
THE DIRT GARDENER

Q. I've received two blooming azalea plants. When can they be transplanted into the ground? Should I wait until they have finished blooming? Also, what should I add to my hard clay to soften it?

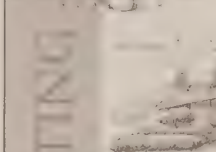
A. Blooming azaleas as well as other potted plants can be transplanted while they are still in bloom. Many people will enjoy the color first before moving them to their permanent home. The choice is yours to make. I would dig a nice wide planting hole, as azaleas are surface rooted. I would amend the native soil with an azalea, camellia and rhododendron planting mix along with Schultz's Clay Conditioner, which prevents clay soil from compacting and it improves the drainage.

The proportion should be 75 percent amendments to 25 percent native soil. When you remove the azaleas from the containers, you

will notice that the root ball is a mass of tightly compacted roots. To make sure that the root ball is wet when it is transplanted, submerge the plants in a bucket of water. You'll

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\$325,000 2133 Santa Clara Ave. 2BD/2BA Sat 2-4 510-814-4709 Harbor Bay Realty	\$505,000 2827 Fernside 2+BD Sat & Sun 2-4:30 510-521-1257/521-1508 Bayside Real Estate	\$449,000 624 Masonic Ave 3BD/ Open Sun 2-4 510-527-2700 X31 Marvin Gardens, Juliana Wynberg	\$675,000 2421 Roosevelt Ave. 4+BD/3BA Sun. 2-4 510-653-2050 Tarpoff & Talbert	\$449,000 1910-1912 Key Blvd Open Sat 2-5 510-662-8487 Security Pacific, Jamie Lake
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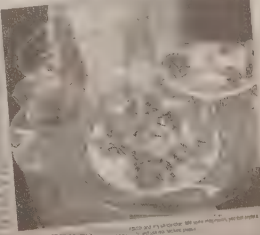
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need to hold them down under the water till they stop bubbling otherwise they float on the surface and never get wet. Once the root ball is thoroughly wet you're almost ready to plant. Next you need to score the root ball to disrupt the circular pattern of the roots.

With a sharp knife make a half dozen slices around and through the mass of roots and cut off an inch or two off the bottom. If the flowers are spent remove them, as azaleas are not self-shedding. The dried up flowers are unattractive all summer long. Your plants are now ready to be placed into their new home. One final point, be sure the root balls are above the soil surface otherwise you'll planted them too deep and the plants will struggle.

Q. I have two Fuji apple trees. Some of the leaves are deformed and curling up. As I see them, I

have been plucking them off. Should I spray them alternating with dormant spray and Volck Oil?

A. Curly leaves on apple trees are caused by a grayish colored Aphid. As the leaves emerge, you need to be observant, picking off the curled leaves and spraying the tree. You have done that but I would not use dormant spray to treat this problem.

This spray is used only during the winter months when the temperatures are cool. Applying it now will severely burn the foliage because of the sulfur contains Volck Oil or insecticidal soap is applied during the growing season. One or two applications, sprayed a week apart should control this problem.

Q. Perhaps it's a silly question but is there any truth that one can add sunflower seed shells or peanut husks too the soil? What do you think?

A. There are no silly questions, but some are more unique than others. Sure, why not add sunflower and peanut shells to the

soil. We have found a use for eggshells, haven't we?

They are just as good a source of organic matter as the more traditional soil amendments. I'd wash the shells first to minimize or remove any salt residue. This assumes that the peanuts and sunflowers were sealed. It's the salt that poses the biggest risk to plants.

Placing the shells in a bucket of water and rinsing them a couple of times should do the trick. Also, I'd crush the shells, as the smaller particles will decompose quicker than larger ones.

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late fees and other charges to Fairbanks after the firm failed to credit her monthly payments properly. Similar complaints have surfaced across the country, say attorneys, and the California class actions specifically cover Fairbanks customers nationwide.

In Maryland, the Baltimore-based Community Law Center has received more than 200 complaints from Fairbanks customers in part as the result of local TV coverage on the issue. Maryland's U.S. senators, Democrats Barbara Mikulski and Paul Sarbanes, have asked the federal government to investigate the company's practices. A federal hotline set up by the inspector general of HUD reportedly has logged

more than 250 complaints from Fairbanks customers in recent weeks.

In West Virginia, a state court imposed a moratorium on all home foreclosures by Fairbanks, a case that the company now says it is on the verge of settling. Meanwhile, unhappy ex-customers who run the anti-fairbanks.com Web site claim that authorities are investigating the company in Florida, Illinois, Utah, Georgia, Texas, Michigan and Pennsylvania, among others.

Fairbanks' Garland says the firm is only aware of the FTC and HUD investigations at the federal level,

and possibly a consumer state licensing exam in other states.

Where is this all going? What's the practical for you? More on this weeks ahead.

Kenneth R. Harnett of a Chevy Chase, Md. firm. Contact him at kharney@winstarmail.com

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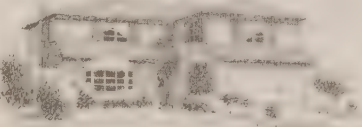
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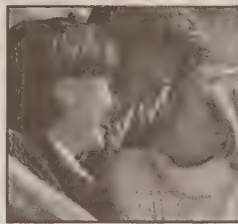
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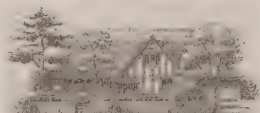
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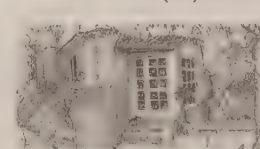
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BRIEFS

Albany Bobcats Youth Tackle and Cheerleading

Albany Bobcats Youth Tackle and Cheerleading will be holding registration for ages 6-14 on May 17, May 31, June 7 and June 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dave's Dugout at 863 San Pablo in Albany. Three weekday practices start Aug. 4. Games are on Saturdays in September and October. There are five age/weight divisions. For information call Mike Adney at 510-528-4756 or visit www.albanyfootball.com.

Joe Janisse Golf Tourney

The Menelik Temple No. 36 A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Golf Club will be hold-

ing the 11th Annual Joe Janisse Golf Tournament to benefit burned and physically challenged children's charities in the Bay Area on May 31 at Lake Chabot Golf Course. Starting time is 8 a.m. The cost is \$85 per player and includes green fee, 1/2 cart, T-flavors, prizes and buffet dinner. For information call Mel Davis at 510-223-1679.

UC Berkeley track and field camps

Cal's Intercollegiate Athletic Track and Field coaching staff will direct the commuter, resident and junior day track and field camps on the UC Berkeley campus June 29-July 3 and June 23-26 for ages 7-17 beginning to

advanced levels. For information or to receive a brochure call 510-643-2267 or visit www.calbears.com or www.oski.org.

Summer hoops league

The Oakland Neighborhood Basketball League, which celebrates its 30th year this summer, will open its season on Monday, June 2. Registration for teams and individuals will continue through Friday, June 6.

The ONBL, open to players 8-18, is one of the most competitive youth basketball leagues in the area. Registration forms are available at the Office of Parks and Recreation, 1520 Lakeside Drive, Oakland. Forms can also be obtained by mail or by fax by call-

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Golden Bear lacrosse camps

Cal Golden Bear Lacrosse Camps will be held for boys and girls all levels and positions as follows: Day Camp for ages 11-16; boys-July 7-10, girls-Aug. 4-7; Advanced Camp for ages 15-18; boys-July 11-13, girls-Aug. 8-10; Goale Academy for ages 14-18; boys-July 10-13, girls-Aug. 7-10. For information call 510-643-2267 or visit www.calbears.com.

Macy's/A's 5K Fun Run

Macy's and the Oakland A's are

sponsoring a 5K Fun Run on May 11 at the Network Coliseum Creekside Parking Lot to benefit the Carol Franc Buck Breast Care Center at UCSF Medical center. Pre-registration fees for adults are \$25 and \$10 for children ages 11-under before May 8 or \$30 for adults and \$12 for children ages 11-under after May 8. Registration fee includes an Upper Reserved ticket for the A's vs. New York Yankees 1:05 p.m. game, event T-shirt and entry to the post-race tailgate party. The fee for non-runners is \$15 and includes a game ticket and tailgate entry. Registration begins at 7 a.m. with an 8:30 a.m. shot-gun start, followed by the post-race tailgate party and the 1:05 p.m. game. Register online at www.oaklandathletics.com.

NFL flag football registration

Berkeley Youth Athletic Camps will be held at Berkeley campus for middle school boys and girls ages 8-11. \$35 for Berkeley residents, non-residents. For information call 800-738-1815 or www.oski.org.

Girls' basketball camps

Caren Horstmeier's Girls' Basketball Camps will be held at Berkeley campus for middle school girls grades K-12 from June through August. For information call 800-738-1815 or www.oski.org.

BSAL

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other jumper has managed to exceed it in the East Bay. **Andrew Galbraith** of Foothill also has gone 6-6. **Cole Herron** of Sanger High is the state leader at 7-0.

But St. Mary's coaches never lost faith that the junior jumper would compete again this season. "Coach **John Rogers** told me that I would compete again this season," Wright said. "He told me that the day I got out of the hospital."

Wright is jumping again but not competing. "I'm not going for any height," he said. "I'm just working on my technique. I'm getting used to landing on the arm again. There is no pain and I don't have any (mental) problems using the arm."

Wright's goal this season is 6-10, a height he believes he still can reach. Actually, he had higher aspirations — he wanted to equal **Ebon Glenn**'s school-record of 7-0, set in the 2000 state meet.

"I thought maybe I could do it (7-0) this year," Wright said, "but it (the injury) set me back. I still think I can go 6-10 this season, or even higher. I know 6-8 or 6-10 will get me to state."

Wright's next competition will be his first since the injury. He must compete in the Bay Shore Athletic League championships, which will be held at Piedmont High on May 15 and 17. He doesn't necessarily have to win the high jump; he just needs to qualify for the next competition, which will be the Bay Shore Meet at James Logan on May 22 and May 24. So it goes.

Wright, a 6-2 forward, was also supposed to be a key member on the St. Mary's varsity basketball team this past season.

But he broke his leg and missed most of the season.

In the swim: The BSAL swimming championships will take place Saturday at Cunningham Pool in Vallejo. Warm-ups begin at 10 a.m. and the competition starts at 11 a.m.

On the track: The BSAL Track and Field championships will take place at Piedmont High on Thursday, May 15, and Saturday, May 17. The Thursday trials will begin at 4 p.m. and there will be finals in the pole vault, shot put and triple jump.

The running event finals will start at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Some field events, according to Piedmont track coach **Robbie Earle**, may start as early as 2 p.m.

ACCAL

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match and it was apparent in the first set.

With Simmons sporting a strong overhead smash and a good drop shot, Sisson was extremely tentative while Elefant was not shy about venting his frustrations because of his own play on the court.

After a brief conference with Alameda coach **Kevin Hennessee** during the break, the Hornets' luck changed. Sisson, in particular, played a stronger net game and played a major role in putting the Yellow Jackets on their heels to take the last two sets.

In singles action, there wasn't nearly as much drama as Alameda's **Tommy Tu** bested Berkeley's **Peter Logan** 6-0, 6-0.

Tu's play throughout the tournament was dominating. After a first-round bye, opponents scored just one point against him.

BASEBALL

El Cerrito downed Berkeley last Monday 2-1 to maintain its lead in the ACCAL standings.

Greg Murray picked up the win for the Gauchos. He went the distance and had a no-hitter going for 4½ innings before allowing Berkeley's only hit of the game. He gave up just the one run with one walk and four strikeouts.

The Gauchos took control early with single runs in the first and second innings for a 2-0 lead. Berkeley scored its run in the fifth.

El Cerrito's **Kevin Stewart** went 2-for-3m and **Josh Harvey** and **Kevin Webster** each went 1-for-2 with a run scored.

By midweek, the Gauchos' lead in the ACCAL was boosted to two games, with a big assist from Alameda, which pulled into a tie for second place with Encinal in a wild 11-10 shoot-out that same afternoon.

The Hornets got a bit of a scare in the seventh. Protecting an 11-8 lead, the Jets struck for

two runs before reliever **Anthony Woodd** recorded the final out.

Tavis Ve'e went 3-for-5 with two runs scored, and Woodd was 2-for-4, including a two-run homer.

SWIMMING

The Hornets beat Berkeley 85-45 last Friday at the Emma Hood Swim Center despite a 90-minute delay because of transportation problems.

Because of the delay, all relay events were canceled. The Hornets' **Neal Hamilton** and **Scott McDaniels** finished first and second respectively in the 100-yard backstroke.

Hamilton's time of 56.57 seconds was good enough for the sixth-best mark in Alameda history. He added to that win by taking the 200 individual medley in 2:06.65.

McDaniels' time of 57.35 in the 100 backstroke gave him the school's ninth-best mark.

Berkeley's lone bright spot came from **Dominic Cathey**, who won the 200 freestyle in 1:47.94 and the 100 freestyle in 49.53.

finishing for St. Mary's in the 100 meters, winning in 11.1.

Rodriguez came back to win the 800 in 2:06.1, as did Murphy, who took the 200 in 22.5.

Ricky Griffith led a 1-2 Piedmont finish in the 3,200, winning

in 10:33.3. Dylan Calmont was second in 10:59.5, but St. Mary's won the final track event of the day, winning the 1,600 relay in 3:35.8. The Panthers; foursome of Chris Freeman, Rodriguez, Coogler and Gavin Yates was never really challenged.

Lacrosse

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Dan Vilar added five goals for the Yellow Jackets.

O'Dowd needed little time to respond. Just 29 seconds later, the game was tied 1-1 when Dan Bracke found the net unassisted.

But Berkeley responded almost as quickly, grabbing the lead again when **Julian Coffman** scored the first of his three goals at 3:06.

O'Dowd tied it up again when **Seth Kweller** scored off a square pass from **Elliot Carney** on the left with 58.1 remaining.

Berkeley's path to victory began to emerge in the second quarter. Berkeley goalie **Monty Carlson** made a beautiful one-on-one stop on O'Dowd's **Nick Azpiroz** with 8:45 left in the half. At the other end, **Coffman** put the Yellow Jackets up to stay with

his second goal, a 15-yarder at 7:24.

The Yellow Jackets seemed to find their groove after taking the lead. Geller scored at 6:37 and Miles Makdisi had the first of his two goals 32 seconds later for a 5-2 spread.

Never a team to give up, Bishop O'Dowd fought back the best it could, as Kweller scored off a George Granelli pass to cut the deficit to 5-3.

Berkeley had the last say in the half, though, as Vilar scored off Geller's assist for a 6-3 halftime advantage with 50 seconds left.

Berkeley got even better in the second half, which started with six unanswered Yellow Jackets goals. Vilar scored three third-quarter goals, including a shot that seemed to glance into the net after hitting off an O'Dowd player. Coffman also scored in the third quarter as the Yellow

Jackets took a 10-3 final quarter.

Berkeley did not add to that lead as the fourth quarter began. Makdisi came off a nice assist from Flessel behind the 12-3 lead.

O'Dowd got his when Granelli scored with 7:01 left.

Vilar added his 12th goal, opening a nine-point Jackets lead at 13-4.

Berkeley scored on a power play with 2:47 left, but the net off Miles pass with 2:47 left.

In all, the weather was not what might have expected who showed up better performance by Berkeley few nice bits and O'Dowd.

Prep

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Simmons used a huge overhead smash and a seemingly effortless drop shot to put the Hornets on their heels and win the first set.

But after a quick discussion with Alameda coach **Kevin Hennessee** at the break, Sisson and Elefant made the necessary adjustments.

"He tried to hit too many winners off the ground. We had to settle him down," Hennessee said of Elefant. "We also had to try

getting more active around the net. (Sisson) was frozen. After we did that, it helped a lot."

With the new strategy in place, the two appeared rejuvenated and Elefant fired three consecutive aces in the middle of the second set. The two eventually won the final two sets.

Earlier in the day, Sisson and Elefant began their Yellow Jackets gauntlet, defeating Berkeley's **Nate Israel** and **Takafumi Katsumura** 6-0, 6-0 in the semifinals.

In singles competition, the action wasn't nearly that close as the Hornets' **Tommy Tu** earned the title by beating Berkeley's Pe-

ter Logan 6-0, 6-0.

"I played really sophomore, said, "I had a perfect match."

Tu allowed only one in the quarterfinals, first-round bye.


BOYS VOLLEYBALL

El Cerrito d. Alameda maintained atop the ACCAL stand as a 15-2, 15-10, 15-11 Alameda (2-10 ACCAL) Gonzalez had 14 service points. Setting had 23 assists (16-3, 12-0 ACCAL).

Track

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pulled an upset by defeating Ryan Coogler in the 400 meters in 51.5. Steve Murphy led a 1-2



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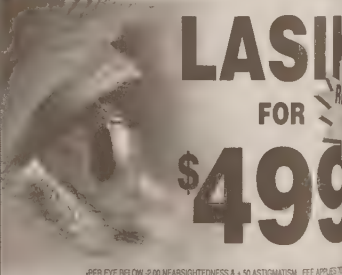


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Arts

TAKING IN THE TRASH

Berkeley fest embraces bad cinema

By Brian Kluepfel
CORRESPONDENT

A team of martial artists is marooned on an island inhabited by cannibalistic monks. The carnivorous sect sends a team of trained zombies to fetch the karate team. The stage is set for a battle royale between the culinary and martial arts.

Where, exactly, is this island? A group of UC Berkeley film students says Edward Murphy's 1982 cult classic, "Raw Force," takes place in the archipelago of Trash Cinema, a topography populated by space aliens, dwarves and well-proportioned women, among others. It's a genre that has been around since film itself.

With a healthy dollop of self-mocking and a degree of academic interest, the Graduate Film Working Group and cinephiles from around the globe will descend on the campus to admit that yes, they really like this stuff, and — seriously now, folks — it has a place in cinematic history.

"Born to Be Bad 2: Trash Cinema Conference and Film Festival," takes place today through Sunday, with lectures on campus and screenings at the adjacent Pacific Film Archive.

The Graduate Film Group meets monthly to swap ideas and videotapes. Although other festival themes have been considered, last year's "Born to Be Bad" festival was such a hit they decided to run with it.

"It's just as hard to make a bad movie (as it is) to make a good movie," said Tamao Nakahara, a Ph.D. candidate in Berkeley's Department of Italian Studies with an emphasis in film. To Nakahara, highbrow literature and lowbrow film are both part of the cultural spectrum she wanted to examine.

"Fellini had these huge-boobed women, dwarves, women with huge butts in his films," said Nakahara. "He threw those things out there in a non-PC way. It's a carnival on screen and you're supposed to be a voyeur, laughing at it guiltily."

She compared them to today's pictures by Adam Sandler and Rob Schneider, where characters are often portrayed with some form of mental or physical aberration, as a continuation of the trash ethic.

There's an element of salvation at work on the part of the Graduate Film Working Group. "These films have literally

FILM FESTIVAL

WHAT: "Born to Be Bad 2: Trash Cinema Conference and Film Festival"

WHEN: Friday through Sunday

WHERE: Lectures in the Geballe Room, 220 Stephens Hall, UC Berkeley. Films at the Pacific Film Archive, 2575 Bancroft Ave. See www.trashcinema.com for complete schedule of films.

TICKETS: Lectures are free

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been trashed, people have been offended by them, they've been thrown away," said Nakahara. She spoke of the "recuperative element" of the conference. "We love (trash cinema), we sometimes laugh, but there is something valuable about it."

A number of academics find value in what is often perceived as a cultural dustbin. Candace Joy Lewis and Doron Galili of UCLA will present "Trash Picking: Preserving The Sin of Nora Moran and Rocky Horror," while Gius Gargiulo (University of Paris X-Nanterre, France) weighs in with "Boccaccio on the Beach: Trashy Italian Beach Movies from the Sixties and Seventies." And though the United States might be where Cheez Whiz was invented, Americans are not alone in the Trash Cinema field: Turkey, Hong Kong and Germany are also represented at the forum.

The conference is not afraid to poke fun at itself or the genre it admires and abhors. Keynote speaker Mikita Brottman has written "Offensive Films: Toward an Anthropology of Cinema Vomiting" and "Meat is Murder: An Illustrated Guide to Cannibal Culture" (Creation, 2001).

A raffle of these and other trash cinema books will be attended by actors in gorilla costumes and zombie makeup.

The films to be screened at PFA offer an eye-ful. Right after "Raw Force" on Saturday comes 1972's "The Pig Farmer's Daughter," one of several films made by Harry Novak, also known for "Midnight Ploynbow" and "Country Hookers," in a genre fans lovingly refer to as "hicksploitation."

The festival closes on Sunday with a screening of director Norman Taurog's "Doctor Goldfoot and the Bikini Machine," a work



"DOCTOR GOLDFOOT AND THE BIKINI MACHINE," by director Norman Taurog, closes the Trash Film Festival. The 1965 film features not only Vincent Price spoofing his horror-movie villain roles, but Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello, too.

that encapsulates the trash raison d'etre: to make itself the butt of humor. Vincent Price lampoons his horror-movie villains while Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello deconstruct the "beach party" movies of the era. Naturally, there's a battalion of chicks in bikinis who are going to take over the world.

Nakahara is especially proud to have Price's 1965 star turn as part of the weekend. "Doctor Goldfoot" is a beautifully made film," she said. "I'm fascinated how some people go to absurd lengths to sell a script and actu-

ally go and make a movie!" But even trash fans have their standards.

"There is a kind of 'trash aesthetic,'" said Nakahara. "It's a different kind of appreciation (from) what critics say is good in terms of lighting or cinematography. I really appreciate a slick Hollywood flick, but with these films, there's something so bad that it's good."

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Dylan Thomas play to be Shotgunned

THE ALWAYS au courant Shotgun Players will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Dylan Thomas' "Under Milk Wood" with a production of the poet's only play, beginning previews on May 22 and 23 for the opening May 23 at Eighth Street Studio, 2525 8th St., Berkeley.

Originally conceived as a "play for voices" written for a radio broadcast and not for the stage, Thomas read it for the first public performance in Cambridge, Mass., in 1953 in a still unfinished state. He died shortly afterward in New York City on Nov. 9, 1953, leaving us to wonder about any connection between a troubled life, his untimely death and the unsettling end of the play. He was just 39. "Under Milk Wood" is a midnight-to-midnight prowling of a smug and ingrown Welsh fishing village called Llareggub. Through the vibrancy of Thomas' clangorous language, we get to know more than 50 inhabitants — some quirky, some ridiculous, others uneasily familiar.

Director Gina Pulice makes her debut foray onto Shotgun's main stage with this piece. She has spent the last few years honing her skills for Shotgun Theatre Lab, home to new and experimental works. She will be joined for the second time by Amy Sass, movement direc-



"UNDER MILK WOOD," Dylan Thomas' "play for voices," is being produced by the Shotgun Players on its 50th anniversary.



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tor. The two paired on the innovative "Jungle Book" several seasons ago.

Plays at 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 7 p.m. Sundays, through June 22. No performance on Sunday, May 25.

Preview is pay-what-you-can. Opening night tickets are \$20. After that it's \$18 general,

\$12 for seniors and youths, except for Thursdays when admission is \$10 for all. Call 510-704-8210.

SUB SHAKES HERALDS 15th:

Another anniversary celebration — the 15th for Subterranean Shakes — begins May 16 for a weekend run through June 15 at San Francisco's Omnicircus Theatre, 550 Natoma between 6th, 7th, Mission and Howard (entrance on Russ).

For the occasion, director Stanley Spenger is reviving the Shakes' critically acclaimed 1999 production of "American Buffalo" by David Mamet.

Plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and

Saturdays, 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$15 general, \$10 for seniors and students. Call 415-701-0686.

FUNNY CHANGE OF PACE:

A funny thing happened on the way to "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," now in rehearsal for a July opening at El Cerrito's Contra Costa Civic Theatre: The PlayMakers, a CCCT alternate season workshop group, chose "True West" a poignant dark comedy by Sam Shepard — a total stranger to these boards, podner — to shake things up for a couple of weeks before the droll musical takes over.

"True West," opening May 30, is not your usual Civic fare. It's a taut drama of sibling rivalry, devastating on one level, yet hilarious on another. What's funny about this choice, which is altogether admirable and adventurous for this venerable family venue, is the contrast with the opening play of the 2002-2003 season — "The Rainmaker," set in the West, but featuring a vexed but lovably conventional family.

"True West" also has a couple of brothers in the four-person cast. It doesn't include a rainmaker. But one brother is a "maker" all right — a troublemaker.

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EVENTS

MUSEUMS

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY — "Creativity and Resistance: Maroon Cultures in the Americas," ongoing. An exhibit featuring historical drawings and maps, a timeline, contemporary photographs and a selection of ceremonial and daily life objects.

"Selections From the African American Museum and Library at Oakland Collection," closing May 12. An exhibit of documents and artifacts relating to politics, labor, education, entrepreneurs, pioneers and founders. Learn about the history behind the collection and the plans for its future.

"Golden Road to Freedom" The African Legacy in California, 1775-1900" ongoing. An exhibit focusing on the role that people of African descent played in later expeditions and settlements before the annexation of California. Free. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5:30 p.m. 659 14th St., Oakland 510-637-0200 or www.oaklandlibrary.org

BLACKHAWK MUSEUM — AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM — The museum's permanent exhibition of internationally renowned automobiles dates from 1897 to the 1980s. The cars are displayed as works of art with room to walk completely around each car and admire the workmanship. On long-term loan from the Smithsonian Institution is a Long Steam Tricycle; a 1893-94 Duryea, the first Duryea built by the Duryea brothers; a 1948 Tucker, number 39 of the 51 Tuckers built, this is a Model 48 "Torpedo" four-door sedan.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS — "Audubon of the West," through Sept. 7. An exhibit of works by Andrew Jackson Grayson. "The Fine Art of Competition," ongoing. An exhibit of automotive art by Vacav Zapadik and Alfredo De La Mana.

"A Tribute to the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance and Co-Chairman Lorin H. Tryon," ongoing. This exhibit presents a look back at some 48 years of the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance through pictures, posters and text plus several original trophies and memorabilia.

DOCENT TOURS — Guided tours of the Blackhawk Automotive Museum are offered Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Free with museum admission.

"Moving Inspiration: Artistic Interpretations of the Motor Age," first Sunday of the month, 2 p.m. Free with museum admission.

SMITHSONIAN EXHIBITS — "Spiders," ongoing. An extensive traveling exhibit organized by The Smithsonian Institution that lets visitors get face-to-face with some of the most delicate and deadliest spiders in existence, utilizing a number of unique and colorful interactive presentation techniques, the art of animation, and a mini-theater. The exhibit is divided into five sections that examine spiders from all angles.

SPECIAL EVENTS — Mother's Day, May 11. Mothers are treated to free admission.

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EBONY MUSEUM OF ARTS — A museum specializing in the art and history of Africa. The collection, which was on display in the museum's Jack London Village branch, has been incorporated with the material in the 14th Street Victorian Museum building, the site of the original museum. Free admission; \$2 guided tour. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1034 14th St., Oakland. 510-763-0141.

GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM — The museum features extensive displays of operating model railroads constructed and operated by the East Bay Model Engineers Society. Covering some 10,000 square feet, steam and modern diesel-powered freight and passenger trains operate in O, HO and N-scales on separate layouts, as well as new gauge and trackage lines. Of special interest is the Tehachapi Pass and Loop on the N-scale layout showing how the multiple engine trains traverse the gorges and tunnels, passing over themselves to gain altitude to cross Tehachapi Summit just east of Bakersfield. In addition the layouts include such famous railroad landmarks as Niles Canyon, Donner Pass, and the Oakland Mole where transcontinental passengers were ferried across San Francisco Bay from their arriving trains.

For December, the trains and layouts will be decorated for the holidays. \$3 general; \$2 seniors and children under age 12; \$7 family maximum; free to all Saturday. Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline, 900 Dornan Drive, Point Richmond. 510-234-4884 or www.gsmrm.org.

OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA — "The Art of Seeing: Nature Revealed through Illustration," through June 15. A joint exhibition with recent works by 48 artists depicting plant and animal species and a mural created by a group of 21 artists.

"Quizzical Eye: The Personal Photography of Ronal Partridge," through June 22. An exhibition of 100 photographs, including photo cubes, collages, mixed media works and a reconstruction of his darkroom.

"The Rustler Ranch Mastodon Project," through June 30. Visitors are invited

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NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Mary F. Pols, Times; Robert W. Butler, Christine Dolen, Karen Heller, Chris Hewitt and Connie Ogle, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Glenn Lovell, Bruce Newman, San Jose Mercury News; David Germain, Christy Lemire, Ben Nuckols, Malcolm Ritter and Matt Wolf, Associated Press; Bruce Westbrook, Houston Chronicle; Jan Stuart, Newsday; Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Elvis Mitchell, A.O. Scott and Lawrence Van Gelder, New York Times; Jack Matthews, New York Daily News; Evan Henson, Valerie Kulkenski, Fred Shuster, Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Manohla Dargis, Kevin Thomas and Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times; Nancy Churnin, Gary Dowell, Charles Ealy, Tom Mastrand, Chris Vogner, Matt Weitz and Philip Wuntch, Dallas Morning News; Christopher Kelly and Robert Philpot, Fort Worth Star-Telegram; Jay Boyar, Roger Moore, Orlando Sentinel; Joe Bialtack, Sacramento Bee; Ann Hornaday and Stephen Hunter, Washington Post.

"A MAN APART": Vin Diesel plays agent Sean Vetter, who along with his partner (Larenz Tate) and a team of undercover narcotics cops, has just brought down a vicious Mexican drug kingpin. The leadership void leads to the rise of a shadowy new figure called "Diable," who begins a bloody campaign. The cartel leadership inexplicably orders a hit on Vetter and the resulting tragedy turns him nasty, and his upright best buddy absurdly tags along on his destructive, unlawful quest for vengeance. The senseless plot exists only to connect the dots between the bloody action sequences, which often are edited with such choppy quick-cuts that it's impossible to tell who's doing what to whom. — D. Germain. (R: language, violence, drugs, sex.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. C-

"ADAPTATION": This latest collaboration from director Spike Jonze and screenwriter Charlie Kaufman, the "Being John Malkovich" theme, is a heady, happy jumble of thought and storytelling, an insane comic undertaking that ultimately coheres into a sane and breathtakingly creative film. Ostensibly, it's about adapting Susan Orlean's book, "The Orchid Thief," to film, with Nicolas Cage doing double duty as the tortured screenwriter and his more successful twin brother. Add to this Meryl Streep as the author, doing shockingly un-Streepian things, and an Oscar-winning performance by Chris Cooper ("Lone Star"). — M. Pols. (R: language, sexuality, some drug use and violent images.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. A

"ANGER MANAGEMENT": Enough already with Adam Sandler playing angry guys. Here he's teamed with Nick Nicholson, who plays a rage counselor assigned to Sandler's character, Dave Buznik, after he's mistakenly accused of attacking a flight attendant. Or maybe it isn't a mistake. Dave does seem to have some deep-rooted issues that keep him from speaking his mind, or from kissing his perky girlfriend (Tamara Mosie) in public. But Dave's anger is kind of a bore, and so is the movie, particularly in its second half. Come to think of it, let's lower this grade; that C was too soft. — M. Pols. (PG-13: crude sexual content, language.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. C

"BEND IT LIKE BECKHAM": This general ethnic sports comedy directed by Gurinder Chadha was a big hit in Britain last year. Jess (Parminder Nagra) is the younger daughter in a family of middle-class Punjabi immigrants residing in a London suburb. Her passion for soccer puts her at odds with her parents, who think sports are an improper pastime for an almost-grown teenager with marriage and university to think about. The result is a culture clash that ripples outward from her own household and

becomes more and more complicated until the soccer match comes along to sort it all out. — A.O. Scott. (PG-13: language, sexual content.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. C-

"BETTER LUCK TOMORROW": A group of high school buddies are classic overachievers who pass a good chunk of their time fretting over SAT scores, debate-team strategy and whether they'll get early acceptance to Ivy League schools. But not wanting to be pigeonholed as scholastic nerds, they round themselves out with extracurricular activities. The usual stuff. Cheat Sheet 101. Cocaine and the Global Economy. Murder for Beginners. First-time director Justin Lin has crafted a teen satire that stands all Asian-American stereotypes on their ears. — G. Lovell. (R: profanity, sex, violence.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. B+

"BOWLING FOR COLUMBINE": Just hours before they killed a dozen classmates and a teacher at Columbine High School, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold went bowling. Was there a connection? Is it logical to blame the sport or, for that matter, any single thing for America's violent nature? "Bowling for Columbine" doesn't have the answers, and really doesn't expect to find them. For documentary writer-director Michael Moore, the asking is what's important. — K. Turan. (R: some violent images and language.) 1 hour, 59 minutes. B

"BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE": This is one high-concept please-the-masses comedy that works. Uplight Peter Sanderson (Steve Martin) is a divorced father of two. His job as tax attorney at a stuffy law firm allows no time to connect with his kids. Longing for some semblance of romance, he arranges a rendezvous with an alleged Ivy League female attorney he befriended on the Internet. But Charlene Morton (Queen Latifah) turns out to have a criminal record instead of a law degree, though she maintains her

innocence. She teaches him to loosen up, talk the right lingo and establish street cred with his offspring. Everyone seems to have a good time. If you can ignore the plot contrivances, so will you. — P. Wuntch. (PG-13: language, drugs, sexuality, nudity, violence.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B-

"BULLETPROOF MONK": An intermittently fun movie burdened with dumb plot devices and wooden line readings, but brightened by the ever-graceful Chow Yun-Fat as the Monk With No Name, who protects the world from various forms of evil, including Nazis dressed like Secret Service agents. Seann William Scott plays the roughish New York City street punk and pickpocket the Monk calls upon to inherit his job, which means he must reject crime, find his inner Zen and develop major martial arts skills. Tall order. But not as much as the challenge we face: shaking the image of Scott as "American Pie's" Steven Stifler, whom you'd call only if you needed a shot and a beer. — M. Pols. (PG-13: violence, language, some sexual content.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. C-

"CHICAGO": Why was it again that Hollywood stopped making movie musicals? Who decided we shouldn't leave a theater humming that catchy tune, fighting the urge to tap dance our way across the lobby? "Chicago" is the kind of uplifting, exhilarating movie that makes you ask these questions. Vastly talented Renee Zellweger even manages to upstage Dame Catherine Zeta-Jones in this tawdry tale, originally based on true-crime cases and later made into a Broadway musical. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content and dialogue, violence and thematic elements.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. A

"CONFIDENCE": A predictable and highly derivative heist movie that relies heavily on turns to strip joints for cheap thrills. Ed Burns makes a cute con man, Dustin Hoffman chews gum in between mouthfuls of scenery as allegedly psycho bad guy and Rachel Weisz plays the girl, although unfortunately the chemistry between her and Burns is minimal. The con is fun to watch, but what con is it? Wait for the video. — M. Pols. (R: language, violence, sexuality and nudity.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. C-

"GHOSTS OF THE ABYSS": Fans of the all-time moneymaking film "Titanic" will cherish James Cameron's new IMAX feature documentary, which explores the remains of the ship with great intimacy. Those who found "Titanic" too sentimental will discover much to admire in the new film. Intricate details of the ship are revealed without pedantry, and the 3-D cameras bring all those details to remarkable life. — P. Wuntch. (G) 1 hour, 38 minutes. B+

"THE GOOD THIEF": A supremely self-confident heist movie from director Neil Jordan, featuring a tip-top performance from Nick Nolte as Bob Montagnet, the French Riviera's most lovable thief, gambler and heroin addict. Seedy, stylish and seductive, like a Tom Waits song set to film. Inspired by Jean-Pierre Melville's 1958 classic "Bob Le Flambeur," Newcomer Nutsa Kukhianidze makes quite an impression as the young Bosnian girl Bob tries to save from a life of prostitution. — M. Pols. (R: language, sexuality, drug content, some violence.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. A-

OPENING TODAY

"CHARLOTTE SOMETIMES" (NR)
A Japanese-American auto mechanic is secretly in love with his roommate, who is dating a loutish stockbroker. Then a mysterious writer comes to town, creating a bizarre love triangle.
"CITY OF GHOSTS" (R)
After the insurance scam he's been running goes bust, a con man (Matt Dillon) seeks out his longtime mentor (James Caan) in Cambodia and finds himself in the middle of a new, more dangerous scam. Dillon directs.
"DADDY DAY CARE" (PG)
Eddie Murphy plays an executive who gets laid off, becomes a stay-at-home dad and then decides to open a day care center in his home.
"THE DANCER UPSTAIRS" (R)
Javier Bardem plays an honest policeman in a highly corrupt South American country trying to

track down a mysterious no one has ever seen. John Malkovich's director.
"ONLY THE STRONG" (PG-13)
Documentary about the life of the 1960s and 1970s Isac Hayes, Sam Wilson and Mary Wilson. Directed by D.A. Payne.
"THE SHAPE OF THINGS" (R)
In the latest from the film company of the Weisz plays an attorney who takes over a museum guard (Philip Seymour Hoffman) gives him a complete But why?
"TEN" (NR)
In Tehran, a female student has 10 conversations with passengers including a jilted bride and a prostitute.

"HOLES": You walk out of "Holes" wondering why more kids movies aren't like this — exciting, refreshingly clever and completely heartfelt without a trace of condescension. Film-making that confronts serious contemporary social themes, yet has a gentle, old-fashioned magic. Based on Louis Sachar's Newbery Medal-winning novel "Holes," about a boy, Stanley (the winning Shia LaBeouf), who lands at a Texas work camp, thanks to a curse on his family, and gradually unravels the mystery of why the warden (Sigourney Weaver) makes the inmates dig a five-foot-deep hole every day. Sachar wrote the screenplay, a first ever. You'd never know it. Or maybe you would, because it has an unpredictability that is sadly rare these days. — M. Pols. (PG: violence, mild language and some thematic elements.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. A-

"IDENTITY": In this sick new puzzle-thriller, unpleasant people meet unpleasant ends at a remote motel. A shrewish actress (Rebecca De Mornay) and her do-gooder chauffeur (John Cusack) are involved. Others show up: the hooker, played by Amanda Peet, the unhappy newlyweds (Clea DuVal and William Lee Scott) and the cop and his prisoner-trainer (Ray Liotta and Jake Busey). Everybody has a secret. Everybody is a suspect. As the bodies pile up, the parallel stories collide and give conflicting versions of reality. A shot of intelligence to a genre that hasn't seen any in many a year. — R. Moore. (R: violence, gore, language.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. B+

"IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY": There's a "Hallmark Hall of Fame" quality to this movie. But director Fred Schepisi makes sure things never get cheap, despite the gimmick that he is working with three generations of Douglas actors — Kirk, his son Michael and his grandson Cameron. The plot has the texture and atmosphere of actual family life: The interaction between the characters is complicated, well-meaning and occasionally foolish. There's a sense under it all that these people have problems, and they don't know the answers to them, but at least they're taking a stab at figuring

ing them out. — C. Henson. (R: language, drug use.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. B-

"LAUREL CANYON": School student Sam (Kirk Cameron) is forced to move into a record-producer mom's (Donna Douglas) fabulous home above L.A. Mom was a star, but she's a mess. She's a cat, but she's a mess. She's a rock-star boyfriend (Natalie Portman) and sending out word Sam's allegedly gay (Kate Beckinsale). In which case, the movie's reviews are conducted at Chateau Marmont. Mom Lisa Choldenko's sexual movie may please you, but that your life would be if you were poolside with Paul Gaudier and enjoy with your wheat-grass. Pols. (R: sexuality, light use.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. B-

"LAWLESS HEART": This fold simultaneously in the and absorbing movie the funeral. One by one, the stars — Stuart's morose, Dan (Bill Nighy), Stuart's planned Londoner name, Hollander), and a long (Douglas Henshall) — subject to unpredictable desires. By allowing them off one another, the film of the essential strangeness. A.O. Scott. (R: profanity, sexual fairly explicit sex.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. A-

Showtimes for Friday May 9

Alameda County

Act 1 and 2

2128 Center Street, Berkeley 510-548-7249
●The Dancer Upstairs (R) 3:30, 6:30, 9:30.
●The Man Without a Past (PG-13) 4, 7, 10.

Albany Twin

1115 Solano Ave., Albany 510-524-9588
●Lawless Heart (R) 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30.
●Nowhere in Africa (Not Rated) 11:15, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30.

AMC Bay Street 16

5614 Shellmound St., Emeryville 510-457-4262
●Anger Management (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05.
●Bend It Like Beckham (PG-13) 12, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 9:45.

●Bringing Down the House (PG-13) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30.
●Bulletproof Monk (PG-13) 12:45, 3:10, 5:35, 8, 10:25.
●Chicago (PG-13) 12:30, 3, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45.
●Confidence (R) 1:15, 3:45, 6:05, 8:20, 10:45.
●The Lizzie McGuire Movie (PG) 12:15, 1, 1:30, 2:45, 3:30, 4:15, 5:10, 6:05, 7, 7:30, 8:15, 9:15, 9:45, 10:35, 11:30.
●A Mighty Wind (PG-13) 12:25, 1:45, 2:45, 4:30, 5:10, 6:30, 7:30, 8:45, 9:45, 11:15.
●Phone Booth (R) 1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:20, 9:25, 11:25.
●X2 (PG-13) 12, 12:45, 1:30, 2:15, 3, 3:45, 4:30, 5:15, 6:30, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 9:45, 10:30, 11, 11:30.

California Theatre

2113 Kinnelwood St., Berkeley 510-848-0249
●Bowling for Columbine (R) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:10.
●Laurel Canyon (R) 4:45, 9:20.
●A Mighty Wind (PG-13) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30.
●The Quiet American (R) 2:15, 7.

Chabot Space & Science Center

10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 510-336-7300
●The Human Body (Not Rated) 11:30, 5:30, 8:30.
●The Living Sea (Not Rated) 3:30.
●Mysteries of Egypt (Not Rated) 12:30.
●To Fly (Not Rated) 10:30, 2:30, 4:30.

Elmwood 3

2866 College Ave., Berkeley 510-649-0530
●Adaptation (R) 9.
●Frida (R) 4:35, 9:05.
●The Hours (PG-13) 6:55.
●The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) 4:35, 8:05.
●Rivers and Tides: Andy Goldsworthy Working with Time (Not Rated) 4:50, 7:05.

Renaissance Grand Lake Theatre

3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 510-452-3556
●Confidence (R) 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:35.
●The Lizzie McGuire Movie (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:15.
●X2 (PG-13) 11, 12:30, 2, 3:45, 5, 7, 8, 9:45.

Jack London Stadium

100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320
●Daddy Day Care (PG) 10:45, 11:30, 12:15, 1:15, 2, 2:45, 3:45, 4:45, 5:15, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:15, 9:45, 10:15.
●Holes (PG) 11:05, 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:50.
●Identity (R) 11:45, 2:05, 5, 7:50, 10:10.
●The Lizzie McGuire Movie (PG) 11:25, 1:55, 4:15, 7:20, 9:40.
●Malibu's Most Wanted (PG-13) 12:25, 2:40, 5:05, 7:25, 9:35.
●X2 (PG-13) 10:30, 12:15, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 7, 7:30, 10, 10:30.

Renaissance Oaks Theatre

1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-526-1836
●Chicago (PG-13) 7, 9:20.
●The Last Suppers, 7, 9.

Parkway Theatre

1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400
●Bowling for Columbine (R) 9:45.
●Bringing Down the House (PG-13) 7.
●Chicago (PG-13) 6:30, 9:15.

Piedmont Theatre

4186 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-654-2758
●Bend It Like Beckham (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 7, 9:40.
●A Mighty Wind (PG-13) 12, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10.
●Raising Victor Vargas (R) 12:10, 2:15, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30.

Shattuck Cinemas

2231 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-844-2992
●Bend It Like Beckham (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 6:50, 9:25.
●Better Luck Tomorrow (R) 12:20, 2:35, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45.
●Daddy Day Care (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9:15.
●The Good Thief (R) 1:45, 7:05.
●Holes (PG) 1:15, 4, 6:40, 9:10.
●Identity (R) 12:40, 3, 5:15, 7:40, 10.
●The Lizzie McGuire Movie (PG) 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 6:45, 9.
●Raising Victor Vargas (R) 12:35, 2:45, 5, 7:10, 9:20.
●The Shape of Things (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50.
●Ten (Not Rated) 12:25, 2:40, 4:55, 7:15, 9:30.
●XX/XX (R) 4:40, 9:35.

United Artists Berkeley 7

2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-0193
●Anger Management (PG-13) 12:15, 3, 5:30, 8:10, 10:35.
●Bulletproof Monk (PG-13) 12:10, 2:45, 5:35, 8:15, 10:55.
●Confidence (R) 12, 2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:50.
●Malibu's Most Wanted (PG-13) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 7:45, 10:30.
●X2 (PG-13) 11, 12:30, 1, 2, 3:45, 4:15, 5, 7, 7:30, 8, 10:10, 10:45.

United Artists Emery Bay Stadium 10

6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 510-420-0492
●Better Luck Tomorrow (R) 12:40, 3:20, 5:50, 8:20, 10:40.
●Daddy Day Care (PG) 12, 12:30, 1, 2, 2:30, 3, 4:30, 5:30, 5:55, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9:30, 10, 10:30.
●Holes (PG) 11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30.
●Identity (R) 11:50, 12:50, 2:10, 3:10, 4:40, 4:50, 7:10, 8:10, 9:40, 10:40.
●It Runs in the Family (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10.
●Malibu's Most Wanted (PG-13) 12, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50.

Central Contra Costa

Renaissance Orinda Theatre
4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060
●Bend It Like Beckham (PG-13) 11:45, 2, 4:15, 6:30, 9.
●Confidence (R) 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 6:45, 8:45.
●X2 (PG-13) 12:30, 3:30, 7, 9:45.

Renaissance Park Theatre

3519 Golden Gate Way., Lafayette 925-283-7997
●A Mighty Wind (PG-13) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9:15.

Rheem Theatre

350 Park St., Moraga 925-988-3411
●Anger Management (PG-13) 4:30, 7:10, 9:20.
●Daddy Day Care (PG) 4:40, 7, 9:15.
●Identity (R) 5, 7:30, 9:30.
●The Lizzie McGuire Movie (PG) 4:50, 7:20, 9:25.

West Contra Costa

Century 16 Hilltop

3200 Klose Way., Richmond 510-758-2345
●Anger Management (PG-13) 12:25, 3, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10.
●Bulletproof Monk (PG-13) 12:20, 5, 7:20.
●Chasing Papi (PG) 2:45, 10.
●Daddy Day Care (PG) 11:20, 11:55, 12:30, 12:55, 1:40, 2:15, 2:50, 3:15, 4, 4:40, 5:10, 5:35, 6:20, 7, 7:30, 7:55, 8:45, 9:25, 9:50, 10:15.
●Holes (PG) 11:40, 2:25, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25.
●Identity (R) 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:05, 9:15.
●The Lizzie McGuire Movie (PG) 12:10, 1:10, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7:10, 8:05, 9:30, 10:20.
●Malibu's Most Wanted (PG-13) 11:30, 1:35, 3:35, 5:40, 7:40, 9:45.
●X2 (PG-13) 11:15, 12:05, 12:40, 1:15, 1:50, 2:20, 3:10, 3:40, 4:20, 4:55, 5:25, 6:15, 6:50, 7:25, 8, 8:40, 9:20, 9:55, 10:30.

San Francisco

AMC Van Ness 14
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262
●Anger Management (PG-13) 2, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40.
●Better Luck Tomorrow (R) 12:30, 3:10, 5:35, 8:05, 10:35.
●Bulletproof Monk (PG-13) 1:50, 10.
●Confidence (R) 1:50, 5:55, 8:25, 10:50.
●Daddy Day Care (PG) 12:20, 2:50,

4:50, 5:20, 7:20, 7:50, 9:50, 10:20.
●Holes (PG) 2:10, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05.
●Identity (R) 12:50, 2:25, 3:05, 4:50, 5:20, 7:40, 8:10, 10, 10:30.
●The Lizzie McGuire Movie (PG) 2, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40.
●Malibu's Most Wanted (PG-13) 5:50, 7:55.
●Only the Strong Survive (PG-13) 12:30, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45.
●X2 (PG-13) 12, 12:45, 1:30, 3, 3:45, 4:30, 6:15, 7, 7:45, 9:30, 10:15, 10:55.

AMC Kabuki 8

1881 Post Street, San Francisco 415-931-9800
●Better Luck Tomorrow (R) 1:25, 4:30, 7, 9:25.
●Confidence (R) 1:15, 4:20, 6:40, 9:15.
●Daddy Day Care (PG) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:35, 10.
●Identity (R) 1:35, 4:45, 7:45, 10:10.
●The Lizzie McGuire Movie (PG) 12:25, 2:40, 5, 7:25, 9:50.
●Omigod! (R) 1:05, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30.
●X2 (PG-13) 12:15, 12:55, 3:20, 4, 6:30, 7:10, 9:40, 10:20.

Bridge Theatre

3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 415-751-3213
●Lawless Heart (R) 4:30, 7, 9:30.

Castro Theatre

429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120
●Le Cercle Rouge (Not Rated) 2, 5, 8

Clay Theatre

2261 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 415-346-1124
●The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert (R)
●The Pianist (R) 4:30, 8.

Embarcadero Center Cinemas

1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-352-0835
●Bend It Like Beckham (PG-13) 12:10, 1, 3, 4, 7, 7:20, 9:30, 10.
●A Mighty Wind (PG-13) 12, 12:30, 2:10, 2:50, 4:30, 5:10, 7:10, 7:50, 9:20, 10:10.
●Raising Victor Vargas (R) 12:20, 3:30, 4:40, 7:30, 9:40.

Lumiere Theatre

1572 California St., San Francisco 415-885-3201
●Bowling for Columbine (R) 7, 9:30.
●City of Ghosts (R) 7:15, 10.
●XX/XX (R) 7:30, 9:45.

Opera Plaza Cinema

601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-771-0183
●Laurel Canyon (R) 1:45, 4:15, 7:30, 9:40.
●The Man Without a Past (PG-13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40.
●Nowhere in Africa (Not Rated) 2, 5, 8.
●Ten (Not Rated) 2:30, 4:45, 7:30, 9:50.

The Red Vic Theatre

1727 Haight, San Francisco 415-668-3994
●Mavericks (Not Rated) 7:15, 9:15.

The Roxie Theatre

3117 16th St., San Francisco 415-863-1087
●Forbidden Photographs 6, 8, 10.

Loews Theatres Metreon

101 Fourth St., San Francisco 415-369-6201
●Anger Management (PG-13) 11:20, 2:50, 5:50, 8:40, 11:20.
●Better Luck Tomorrow (R) 12:35, 3:10, 5:40, 8:30, 10:40.
●Bulletproof Monk (PG-13) 12.
●Confidence (R) 11:50, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:50.

●Daddy Day Care (PG) 11:10, 12:20, 2:20, 3:20, 5:20, 6, 8:10, 9:10, 11:10, 11:40.
●Holes (PG) 12:40, 3:50, 6:40, 9:40.
●Identity (R) 10:50, 11:40, 1:15, 2:10, 3:45, 5, 6:15, 7:40, 8:35, 10:20, 10:55.

●The Lizzie McGuire Movie (PG) 11, 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50.
●Malibu's Most Wanted (PG-13) 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:20, 11:50.

●X2 (PG-13) 10:40, 11:30, 12:30, 1, 2, 3, 3:40, 4, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8, 9, 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30, 12.

Loews IMAX Theatre

Events

FROM PAGE C5

Lebanon, Syria and Egypt. Most of the images are albumen prints and have not been exhibited for decades.

"Native California Cultures," ongoing. This is a permanent exhibit of some 500 artifacts from the museum's California collections, the largest and most comprehensive collections in the world devoted to California Indian cultures. The exhibit includes a section about Ishi, the famous Indian who lived and worked with the museum, Yana tribal baskets and a 17-foot Yurok canoe carved from a single redwood.

"A Century of Collecting," ongoing. The exhibit examines artifact collecting as a form of cultural representation, presenting objects from around the world. Displays focus on the systematic character of these collections and provide original contexts for the objects, which increases a viewer's understanding of the peoples who made and used the objects.

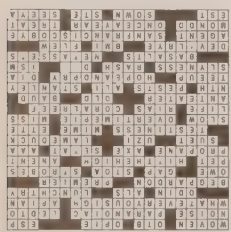
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EXHIBITS — "Hornets before Wings," ongoing. This exhibit chronicles the 227-year history of U.S. Navy ships bearing the Hornet name, from the Revolutionary War through the Cold War.

"Boomerangs and Roostertails: Cold War ASW in the Pacific," ongoing. This exhibit honors the Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) squadrons assigned to protect America during the Cold War. As a cornerstone of the Museum's new ASW Research Division, the exhibit traces the development of the Hunter-Killer ASW Carrier Battle-group and the role played by the VS Squadrons, squadrons of anti-submarine planes.

SPECIAL EVENTS — "Flight Deck Fun," ongoing. A former Landing Signal Officer will show children how to bring in a fighter plane for a landing on the deck then let them try the signals themselves. Times vary. Free with admission.

Protestant Divine Services, Sundays, 11 a.m. Hornet Chapel John Berger conducts church services aboard the Hornet in the Wardroom Lounge. Everyone is welcome and refreshments are served immediately following the service.

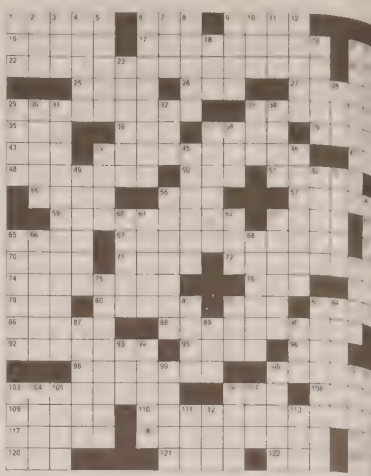
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WESTERN AEROSPACE MUSEUM — The museum features a display of aircraft ranging from World War II to present-day models, as well as other historical aviation memorabilia. Among the museum displays are a McDonnell Douglas A-4 Skyhawk from the Vietnam War; a McDonnell Douglas-British Aerospace Harrier; a replica of the Wright Brothers 1911 Vin Fiz, the first plane to be flown across the United States; and a Lockheed Vega, a single engine plane flown by Amelia Earhart who set speed records in it. The plane is the only Vega in existence with an aluminum fuselage. Also included is a vertical take-off Harrier jet formerly belonging to NASA

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GPware mobile services are available on cellphones such as the Motorola i58, and i88 through Nextel, or Nokia 3650 through AT&T, T-Mobile and Cingular.

For PDAs, GPware mobile services work on PocketPC phones such as Siemens SX56-S46 through AT&T.

Subscribers to GPware mobile services pay a sign up fee of \$25 to activate the service. Monthly service fees begin at \$12.95. Visit www.gpware.com for more information about the service.

Trailer message

Let's admit it, a trailer hitch is a functional vehicle accessory that's not very attractive. PowerTale is a new product able to turn a hitch receiver into a lighted message display.

The PowerTale from Dreamers, Inc. is an oval-shaped, illuminated display that slides into any 2-inch hitch receiver.

Just like the taillights of a trailer, the vehicle powers the lights of the PowerTale, making the product visible during the day or night.

The PowerTale shines with running lights and even gets brighter when brake lights come on. The product includes interchangeable Lighted Tail Displays, or LTDs, vibrantly colored, slide-like film with adhesive that slip into the PowerTale.

A wide selection of photos and greetings are available: holiday messages, sports logos, patriotic themes, etc.

The PowerTale is made of high-impact thermo plastic and

includes a tamper-proof security device to deter theft.

Dreamers, Inc. also offers "Club PowerTale." It is a service for customers that will alert them of new LTD designs, provide them with personalized designs and provide free replacement of keys for the locking system.

PowerTale sells for \$29.95 and includes the first LTD (additional LTDs are available for \$7.95) and can be ordered directly from Dreamers, Inc. at 866-4PW-TALE (866-479-8253) or visit www.powertale.com.

Navigator conversion kit

SUV Concepts' Lincoln Navigator Conversion kit will help it stick out from the crowd with sleeker lines and improved styling cues.

This kit contains both factory Lincoln parts and high-quality aftermarket parts made to manufacturer specifications, including the front bumper, bumper grille, fenders, grille, headlights, headlight support, fog lights, hood, hood latch system, brackets and hardware.

Even as a stand-alone part, the custom grille shell adds a nice touch to provide a more sophisticated and monochromatic look.

Carbon fiber is one of the hottest "upgrade" items for trucks and SUVs, giving them a "luxury" look. SUV Concepts will allow owners to substitute a high-quality carbon-fiber hood in place of the stock hood for \$250 (1998-2002 models) or \$300 (2003 model) with the purchase of the kit.

Also available with this kit is an option for the factory Lincoln HID headlights for \$600 (wiring modifications are necessary).

The Lincoln Navigator Conversion Kit sells for \$2,995 and will fit 1998-2002 Navigators, as well as 1997-2002 Ford Expedition and 1997-2003 Ford F-150 vehicles.

A kit for the 2003 Navigator sells for \$3,399.

For more information, call 909-596-7322, or visit www.suvconcepts.com.

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Subaru seeks premium status with WRX STI

MOTOR MATTERS

It seems unlikely for an automaker to launch its drive to premium status by introducing a car that has no radio or speakers, floor mats or center console.

Not even an automatic transmission is available with Subaru's new Impreza WRX STI — the most powerful car ever offered for sale by Subaru in North America. Yet, its price-point vaults the STI into a segment that's populated with BMW, Mercedes, Volvo, Acura, Lexus and Infiniti models.

What it lacks in posh appointments, the STI more than makes up for with scintillating performance: 0-60 mph in 4.8 seconds. Its 2.5-liter, four-cylinder engine generates an astonishing 300 horsepower and 300 pounds-foot of peak torque.

A high-boost turbocharger and Subaru's first engine with variable valve timing help the STI attain these sports car numbers.

An intercooler that can be manually controlled helps boost output 4-5 horsepower on steamy days. You merely touch a button on the instrument panel and the intercooler shoots a mist of distilled water to cool the intake charge.

This kind of performance engineering borrowed from Subaru's world-class rally cars targets drivers who will gladly give up cushiness for acceleration and handling worthy of the racetrack.

The STI's top speed is 145 mph, and that's because Subaru engineers have electronically limited how fast you can drive this speedster. You can use your imagination

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Down the Road

as to how fast this car would go if there was no built-in limiter.

This kind of performance takes the STI out of the mid-price segment and into the near-luxury niche. The STI is priced at \$30,995. That's more than some models from the brands mentioned above.

This is a calculated step by Subaru's management to position the brand on a higher level. "We want to become a premium brand," says Subaru chairman T.K. Saito. "We may already be half way there."

He concedes that Subaru's image is lower than Toyota's and Honda's at this time, but Saito says it's higher than Mitsubishi, Mazda and Nissan. "Our long-term dream is to turn Subaru into a BMW-type brand," he says.

Saito plans to get there in about a decade by offering vehicles that are on a par with the least expensive vehicles offered by luxury brands. "Subaru would offer more value and performance at the price of (lower) luxury models," he says.

Last year, Subaru suffered its first sales slump in many years as its volume dropped to 180,000 vehicles in 2002.

Saito predicts that the STI, which is expected to achieve 300 sales monthly, and a new turbocharged 2004 Forester, will

boost Subaru to a new 200,000 units.

Within three years, Saito says, Subaru sales will climb to 250,000 annually.

Originally, Subaru expected those extra sales from a new model developed with GM. But when GM, Inc., Subaru's parent company, was 20 percent owned by GM and GM product development on an engineering architecture, passenger, all-wheel drive.

So Fuji is going it alone. The passenger vehicle is due in this market in 2005. It's assembled in the same line now makes the Legacy decision is not yet final.

Subaru also has developed a marketing program to build higher ground. Lance Armstrong placed Paul Hogan, the Australian who helped build the Outback, the three-time winner of the Tour de France bike race, the STI and other Subaru models.

"For the markets we're in, strong is very recognizable. The net of Subaru's marketing is that Armstrong's image, the distinct quality of Subaru."

"We don't want to sell more," he says. "We're creating products to be true to the brand, to be the best."

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1957 Buick station wagon comes with powerful V8

MOTOR MATTERS

Station wagons are a lot like scotch and oysters. They are an acquired taste. But once that taste has been cultivated and established, nothing else will do.

A half dozen years ago, Steve Pieper was driving a modern station wagon, his first, and found the longer he had it the more useful it seemed to become. That's when the seed was planted.

He decided the car for him would be a big wagon from the razzle-dazzle days of the 1950s.

By the summer of 2001, Pieper was actively looking for the appropriate station wagon. He answered an ad for a 1956 Buick wagon, and although the car was interesting, it was very rough.

Pieper mulled it over for a few days before deciding to go for it. Too late, the owner said. It was already sold.

Pieper began to seriously research old Buick Estate Wagons and discovered the pillarless hardtop models introduced in 1957. He resumed shopping with a goal in mind.

He located a 1957 Buick Special Riviera hardtop Estate Wagon in Pennsylvania. It was an original Utah car. The second owner had purchased it recently and had it delivered to the Harrisburg area.

The transmission was removed and sent to a repair shop. When the owner was told the price of the repair, he lost interest in the car.

That was when Pieper, in Sep-

VERN PARKER
Classic Classics

tember 2001, purchased the 17-foot, 4-inch-long Buick and had it trucked to his northern Virginia home with the disassembled Dynaflo transmission in three boxes in the cargo bay of the wagon.

Returning the transmission to working order was given the highest priority. Pieper found a transmission repair shop in Sandusky, Ohio, about the time he learned of another Dynaflo transmission for sale in Michigan.

Hedging his bets, he drove to Ohio with his transmission in boxes — hoping all the pieces were there — where he delivered it to the transmission shop for rebuilding.

From there he motored on to Michigan to purchase another Dynaflo transmission in case the first one was a failure. Four men lifted the transmission into the cargo bay of his modern wagon.

On his return trip home Pieper was driving on the Pennsylvania Turnpike at midnight in a construction zone when a tire went flat. Naturally, the spare-saver spare tire was under the cargo floor beneath the Dynaflo transmission.

By folding the back seat flat with the rear cargo floor Pieper was able to roll the transmission forward enough to provide access to the spare tire and jack. With the spare tire in place Pieper limped into a



AFTER DRIVING modern station wagon, Virginia man decides to find one from the heyday of wagons, the 1950s and becomes owner of 1957 Buick Special Riviera Estate Wagon.

Breezewood, Pa., truck stop where an all-night tire store provided a replacement tire.

The rest of the trip home was uneventful.

A few weeks later, the rebuilt transmission was reinstalled in the Buick, and it performed beautifully. The Michigan transmission, no longer needed, was pushed to the rear of the garage where it still rests, just in case.

Pieper then turned his attention to the 364-cubic-inch V8 powerplant. "I didn't touch the engine," Pieper said. A two-barrel carburetor delivers fuel to the 250-horse-

power V8.

He removed and cleaned the radiator. At the same time he replaced all the rubber hoses and belts. After the entire brake system was replaced, Pieper was surprised to learn that when the brake drums were turned, they were at the original dimensions.

"I spent four solid days removing the paint," he reports. The original two-tone color was pink over red.

With the car reduced to bare metal, he discovered no hidden rust or any evidence of an accident. Pieper attributes the rust-free con-

dition of his 75-inch-wide, 58.5-inch-high Buick to decades spent in Utah near the Nevada border.

The interior was another story. After carefully removing all the seat covers and door panels, he found color matching material which his wife, Wendy, carefully sewed together to match the original upholstery.

As the Buick neared the re-painting stage, he wasn't sure what colors he wanted; however, he was certain that he didn't want what was on the car when it left the factory.

He decided on aquamarine and a silver to create the two-tone color

scheme. After preparing the car for priming, days sanding it for the paint.

Driving the Buick on Interstate highway on wheelbase Pieper enjoyed second to none.

While doing so, there is about 12 miles per

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Freewheeling

FROM PAGE D1

Called an "anthropometer," the device was built by GM's design staff in the 1960s.

Over the years, it has measured thousands of people, from celebrities like race car driver Rick Mears and the Queen of Spain to ordinary citizens at marketing clinics.

GM Chairman Rick Wagoner and Vice Chairman Bob Lutz, both very tall men, are wanted for measurement but have evaded the chamber thus far.

And then there's Les and Toni, both GM employees. Les stands 6 feet 4 inches and is a 99th percentile male. Toni, hired when GM specifically advertised for a small woman, is a fifth percentile female.

Les and Toni participate in various product reviews and test-drives during the development of new vehicles to ensure vehicles fit a wide span of sizes.

Keane

FROM PAGE D1

The memory setting included the settings for the sideview mirrors, brake and accelerator pedals.

What makes this atmosphere even more enjoyable is the ride. I immediately felt power produced by the 4.6-liter, V8 engine. The five-speed automatic transmission is very smooth and I had the protection of All-Wheel Drive.

This SUV has a towing capacity of 7,300 pounds, which is much more than many competitive vehicles. However, the powerful engine doesn't produce good fuel economy: 13 city miles per gallon and 18 mpg highway are the EPA ratings.

In spite of the size of the Aviator, it is easy to steer and maneuver. My tester included a power moonroof that produced an objectionable wind-rush noise.

To me, that \$1,600 option was no good, two words beginning with the letters N and G.

The Aviator requires lowering the back

The measurements of all these people are stored in a vast database used to help engineers and designers create a vehicle package that accommodates the widest array of sizes.

After checking my standing height, one of GM's ergonomics engineers measured the top and bottom half of my legs as well as my floor-to-knee height when I was seated.

As I stared at a light, he took a reading on my sight line. He measured upper and lower parts of my arms, my torso length, from my buttock to the top of my head and — yikes — seated hip width.

"Your shoe size?" he asked. I later learned pedals are designed to fit men's 13 EEE work boots. Finally, he weighed me — how had those eight pounds I'd lost returned without me knowing, I wondered.

He read each measurement to someone inputting numbers into the computer. Then the computer went to work calculating the percentage each body part fell into. It spit out a printout with the silhouette of

my body, each measurement shown, and next to it the percentile.

I was not the fifth percentile I'd expected. I'm a freak! My measurements were all over the map.

My lowest ranking was my eighth percentile legs; my highest was my 76th percentile torso. Wide variation is not uncommon, Leone assured me.

Specific to the XLR, the engineers said they had designed it to accommodate larger males more than smaller females, since men likely will be the target market.

"If we'd moved the dead pedal rearward people like Les wouldn't have room for their knees," said Leone.

In fact, he added, a vehicle always could be designed to fit a small person, so large sizes take precedence. Then it became clear why I couldn't reach the dead pedal.

I came away from the experience with a new appreciation for the challenging job car designers and engineers face in building vehicles that fit the majority of consumers.

of the second-row seat and tilting it forward to gain entry to the rear seats. With the rear seats folded down, there is a spacious area for cargo.

But to raise the seatback, I had to climb

up to reach the handle.

That's another N.G.

But N and G could have another meaning. Lincoln designers produced a smaller replica of the Navigator.

2003 LINCOLN AVIATOR

Vehicle Type	... Six/seven-passenger, four-door SUV with all-wheel drive
Suggested Retail	... \$45,125
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Engine Type	... DOHC 32-valve, 4.6-liter V8
	... w/SEI
Horsepower	... 302@ 5,750 rpm
Torque	... 300@ 3,250 rpm
Transmission	... Five-speed automatic
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Get Off the Road

larger than its existing model, the Kia Sorento does battle with established models such as Explorer and Toyota Highlander. It is offered in 4x2 and 4x4 models in two trim levels — LX and EX. Models add features such as body armor, a power sunroof, power driver's seat, fold-down power windows, and an eight-speaker AM/FM/CD stereo.

Starting from \$19,995 for a base, the LX 4x2, for an up-to-date 4x2 with four-wheel drive. My test car had just about every option on the menu, and had a sticker price of \$28,495.

The Sorento looks the part of a purpose SUV. It's a clean, beveled exterior to sport utility watchers, and it knows function.

It can be broadly categorized as a "based on" truck-based. Sorento is in the category, with body-on-chassis construction.

It also seeks four-wheel drive have systems to consider. One is a shift-on-the-fly capability, which allows shifting between two gears, via a dash-mounted dial. The other option is a Torque-on-Demand system with low range capability. This

system automatically transfers power from rear to front wheels, as conditions dictate, with no driver action needed. A limited-slip differential, standard on both 4x4s, shifts up to 50 percent of the available torque between the two rear wheels as needed.

We put the Sorento through some light off-road paces and it performed well. There is 8.2 inches of ground clearance, and if you misjudge that mark, the ladder frame has nine cross-members and two skid plates protecting oil pan and fuel tank.

Angles of approach and departure are 28.4 degrees and 26.7 degrees, respectively. The engine has sufficient low-end power to handle slow and steep terrain.

On-road, Sorento's suspension — double wishbone front and multi-link rear — provides a good ride and SUV-typical handling, along with a rather numb steering feel. The brakes are four-wheel disc, and ABS is optional — even on top line models with the luxury package.

One powertrain is offered, Kia's 3.5-liter DOHC V6, linked to a four-speed automatic transmission with overdrive. As noted earlier, the engine has ample power — 192 horsepower and 217 pounds-foot of torque — and it moves the Sorento well, although

it is harsh sounding under moderate to heavy acceleration.

Fuel economy is rated at 15 miles per gallon city and 18 mpg highway by EPA's reckoning, and we logged just over 15 mpg, in mixed driving conditions. That's in the ballpark, for a mid-sized 4x4 SUV.

An optional towing package adds a trailer hitch receiver, wiring harness and a four-pin connector for \$340. So equipped, Sorento is rated to tow as much as 3,500 pounds. An automatic load leveling system also is offered (\$510), and it helps keep the Kia on an even keel when towing or hauling heavy loads.

The front cabin in our EX with the luxury package was well appointed and attractive. Switchgear was easy to work with, and visibility was good all around.

The HVAC system functioned well, but the premium, 280-watt sound system was a little underwhelming.

Sorento has adult-sized room for four or an occasional fifth passenger — no third row seat is offered. If all passengers are tall, legroom in back will be slightly cramped, and rear seats border on being too firm.

The Sorento has a big appetite for cargo. The second row splits and folds to a flat floor and storage capacity ranges from 31.4 cubic feet to 66.4 cubic feet.

Lift over height is low, and you don't have to negotiate the spare tire to get back



MOTOR MATTERS

KIA'S SORENTO mid-size SUV competes against some well-established names. Its advantage is the best warranty in the business.

there, because it's stowed below deck. The rear access door is a swing-up hatch, with flip-open glass window.

Overall, Sorento makes a positive impression, especially in its lower priced models. It is a true, dual-duty SUV, that is practically sized. Fully loaded versions compete with some well-established brands, where

the Kia's less refined feel will weigh against it.

Sorento's efforts to stake out a claim in the mid-size SUV field is helped by one of the best warranties (10 year/100,000 mile powertrain, 5 year/60,000 mile limited basic, 5 year/100,000 mile anti-perforation) in the business.

AUTO BRIEFS

enforcement vehicles on at Towe Museum

WALNUT MUSEUM OF AUTOMOTIVE HISTORY

WALNUT — A collection of vintage police cars has come to the Walnut Creek Museum of Automotive History, 2200 Front St., Walnut Creek. Look for them to be here through May 24.

The collection includes law enforcement vehicles from the following: Dodge Paddy Wagon by the Long Beach Police History; Ford Mainliner owned by the Sacramento Police Department; Buick Century California Highway Patrol Cruiser owned by the Sonoma; Ford Mainliner owned by the Campbell Police Department.

Ford Custom owned by Darryl Lindsay, a communications officer from the Menlo Park Police Department; Moto Guzzi Motorcycle, an original CHP motorcycle, Steve and Linda Strotz, and a Chevrolet Camaro Z28, a very rare CHP vehicle, owned by Matt McLaughlin.

Not at the museum is part of the National Policeman's collection from May 11-17.

Have ever seen the Key Stone Cops then be sure to see Paddy Wagon. It is a black truck with a cage on the back corners.

1954 Ford Mainliner was originally owned by the Towe Museum who turned it over to the Sacramento Police Department.

1954 Ford Custom was written up in Special Interest Auto/August, 1994 issue. The 321.7 cubic-inch Roadmaster powered the Buick Century, while the Special used 264 2.0 version of Buick's excellent V-6.

1954 Ford Mainliner was restored exactly to the vehicle used by the Campbell Police Department in 1968. Restored by retired police chief Robert Lockwood.

1954 Ford Custom is a Ford Galaxy that was restored to original by its current owner.

1954 Chevrolet Camaro Z28 is one of 12 actual vehicles in the CHP for a special high performance pursuit vehicle test fleet. It is the only restored actual vehicle from the test fleet.

The Auto Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$2.50 for high schoolers; \$2 for children; and free for younger than 5.

The museum is located just south of Old Sacramento and just west of Highway 242. Call the museum for more information at 916-938-1234.

Dukes Day set at Blackhawk Museum

BLACKHAWK MUSEUM

WALNUT — Blackhawk Museum is hosting a Danville Dukes Day from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Blackhawk Museum, 10000 Blackhawk Drive, Danville.

The Danville Dukes club was founded in 1978 by three car enthusiasts who lived in or near Danville. They had three things in common: all were 1950s hot rods; their previous membership was in the 1970s California street rod clubs, and their passion was a fun time.

Blackhawk Museum affords car buffs the opportunity to meet some of the current members, check out some hot rods and customs and talk about cars.

Blackhawk Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$2.50 for high schoolers; \$2 for children; and free for younger than 5.

Blackhawk Museum also will feature a display of the 1966-67 Buick Wildcat and Custom. The Men and Machines of California's Buick is at Oakland Museum of California from 1996-97, will be on display at Blackhawk Museum. The program starts at 10 a.m.

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Audi's RS 6 sports sedan due in July

Inspired by Audi's Le Mans-winning R8 race car, the RS 6 is among the fastest five-passenger sports sedans ever to enter the U.S. market with a 0-60 mph time of 4.6 seconds.

The RS 6 arrives in the United States in July and will feature Audi's innovative active suspension system — Dynamic Ride Control.

Next generation: Ford Division is putting more incentive money behind its entry-level vehicles to revive sales.

Spending on the Focus, Escape and Ranger is up significantly in 2003, according to Automotive

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Nelms. The attention seems to be working. Sales or market share are up for each of the three vehicles.

Those who are under 25 years of age may be the largest population group to jump into the car-buying market, says a Ford spokesman. They especially will want small cars and SUVs.

Patriotic gesture: A Fairfax City, Va., automobile dealer has donated a new vehicle to rescued U.S. prisoner of war Pfc. Jessica Lynch of

West Virginia. A 2003 Nissan Xterra was sent to Lynch's home in Palestine, W.Va.

The gift was motivated by a sense of patriotism after hearing reports of Lynch's dramatic capture and rescue. Lynch, a 19-year-old supply clerk was captured in an ambush by Iraqi forces March 23.

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Body by Fisher, sound by Bose — or JBL

BY IVAN BERGER
NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

"One of the best audio systems on earth," said Tom Nounsaine, who tests loudspeakers for manufacturers and magazines from his home in Pinckney, Mich. "Better than 80 to 85 percent of my friends' home systems — and my friends include a lot of audiophiles."

He was talking about the stereo system in a car, not one added by a stereo enthusiast after the car was purchased, but the one installed in the factory where the car — a Cadillac STS — was made.

The STS's sound system has two big advantages. It is built by Bose, a respected maker of home stereo systems, and it was built for that exact model, deliberately adapted in every detail to the acoustics, space and materials in the car.

Factory-installed car systems used to be anonymous or branded with the carmaker's name. Now, a factory stereo system is more and more likely to carry the name and audio expertise of a company known for sound equipment. Each system's sound is custom-tailored to the car it is in and, increasingly, to the tastes of that car's buyers.

In the Mazda6 Protege (a performance-enhanced version of the Mazda Protege), the sound system is by Kenwood, another big-name audio company.

Some Toyotas have JBL sound systems; Rolls-Royces have sound by Lexicon. Among the other audio companies that have deals with carmakers are Carver, Harman/Kardon, Infinity, Linn, Mark Levinson, McIntosh, Pioneer, Blaupunkt and Alpine. Typically, these systems add from

To make upgraded systems more worthwhile, cars have become better listening rooms.

a few hundred to nearly two thousand dollars to a car's price.

All this has grown up despite cars being lousy listening rooms, where music must fight road noise and weird acoustics. The saving grace is that designers of factory-installed stereos can know exactly what listening spaces and what speaker and listener positions they are dealing with, things they can't know when designing home systems.

With this knowledge and a lot of detailed measurements, they can design systems that at least partially overcome that car's acoustical deficiencies. Systems can even be tailored to the sound-reflecting character of the car interior's materials — leather or cloth upholstery, for example. The testing and measurement are expensive, but need only be done once for each car model and interior.

The pioneer was Amar Bose, an audio manufacturer and professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who worked with General Motors to create a car audio system available in some 1983 cars as an \$895 option — very expensive at the time.

The brand name was GM/Delco-Bose. (Delco, a precursor to today's Delphi, an independent GM supplier, was GM's electrical-equipment division.)

Today, just about every carmaker has custom-tailored audio systems bearing the name of an established

audio company, and they have become affordable options chosen by many customers. Typically they have more and better speakers than factory-installed car systems have customarily had and are driven by more, and more powerful, amplifiers (up to 1,100 watts in the Linn system in the Vanquish from Aston Martin).

Not all systems are alike. Some differences are due to cost constraints (the Bose systems in Nissan Altimas don't sound as good as those in Cadillac or Mercedes-Benz cars), some to the car companies' differing ideas about how their cars should sound, and some to the type of customer each car is aimed at.

Some systems are punchier, some clear and natural. Some blend inconspicuously into the car's interior while others are designed to be noticed at once.

"For youth-oriented cars, we target a different sound: heavy bass emphasis, bright, loud with low distortion," said Russ Johnston, the Pioneer vice president in charge of sales to auto manufacturers. "Traditional factory stereos, such as the base systems we make for Lexus, are designed to be more relaxing."

One benefit of the premium-sound trend extends even to buyers who settle for lesser systems. To make upgraded systems more worthwhile, cars have become better listening rooms. They're quieter and their speaker locations are no longer afterthoughts.

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Montero is a cut above the competition

BY G. CHAMBERS WILLIAMS III
SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

In the early 1990s, Mitsubishi rolled out its slick, new full-size sport utility bearing the Montero name. But Mitsubishi had neglected to put a serious engine in the vehicle.

The 3.0-liter, 177-horsepower V6 was just too anemic to make the Montero a credible contender in the high-end sport-utility market, especially with base prices running into the \$30,000s.

But Mitsubishi fixed that with the introduction of a 200-horsepower, 3.5-liter V6 engine in 1996, then wowed all of us with a complete redesign of the Montero in model year 2001 that brought even better styling and many more amenities.

For 2003, the engine grows to 3.8 liters, which raises the horsepower to 215 and gives the heavy Montero (4,431 pounds) more low-end torque for quicker starts — 248 foot-pounds

compared to last year's 235. This is a solid sport utility with an expensive feel to it, and the new V6 pushes it along with authority. It's not the kind of performance you see in a comparably powered passenger car, mind you, but it is impressive for a sport-utility wagon that has comfortable seating for seven adults.

A five-speed Sportronic automatic transmission allows the driver to shift the car manually (without a clutch, of course), or let the transmission handle the chores on its own.

With a starting price of about \$33,000, the Montero is a bit expensive compared with some of its competitors, especially the Chevrolet Trailblazer and Ford Explorer.

But I find the Montero to be a cut above the mid-size SUV pack, more in line with vehicles such as the Land Rover Discovery, Lexus

RX 300 and Mercedes-Benz M-class.

Our test vehicle — the top-of-the-line Limited model (base price \$36,597, plus \$615 transportation) — is every bit as classy as these top-sellers from the Japanese and European luxury brands. And unlike some of the competition, there is a third seat in the Montero.

You would pay that much for a comparably equipped Jeep Grand Cherokee or Toyota 4Runner, but this vehicle is larger and better-equipped, which allows me to easily compare it to those larger, upscale models costing thousands of dollars more.

Given that, the Montero is perhaps the best bargain in the burgeoning SUV market.

For those of you not familiar with the Mitsubishi line, the Montero is not to be confused with the smaller and less expensive Montero Sport.



That one is about the same size and is configured about the same way as the Explorer and Grand Cherokee.

The Montero has been positioned to become a mass-market vehicle, rather than a niche product like the Lexus LX 470 or BMW X5. There are lots of people who can afford an SUV in the mid-\$30,000s, but few who can pay \$50,000 or more.

What's so remarkable, though, is that a consumer would not be giving anything up to choose a Montero Limited over one of those \$50,000 SUVs, and the price savings would be almost enough to buy Junior a New Beetle.

Mitsubishi has given the Montero a slight facelift for 2003, including a restyled grille, front fascia and headlights.

Other changes for the new year include an "active skid-and-traction control" system that replaces the limited-slip rear axle feature; and the Active Trac full-time four-wheel-drive system now becomes standard on the base XLS model (\$32,487 plus transportation), whereas before it was standard only on the Limited.

With Active Trac, the driver can choose rear drive, full-time all-wheel drive, or high- or low-range four-wheel drive with locked cen-

ter differential for truly serious off-road driving.

The Montero has always been a world car for Mitsubishi, in much the same way that the Land Rover has been a world car. It's a Japanese exploration vehicle that can go anywhere and do almost anything.

Yet, while this newest version continues those capabilities, it also brings more North American country club refinement to a vehicle that could be called on to traverse the wilds of Africa.

With the new generation of the Montero, ride comfort was tremendously improved, thanks to unibody construction that replaced the previous generation's body-on-steel-ladder-frame arrangement. The unibody setup is similar to that of the Grand Cherokee and RX 300, but much more rugged.

Other enhancements included rack-and-pinion steering, as well as four-wheel independent suspension.

The Montero is roomy and comfortable, with a leather and wood-trimmed interior, seating for up to seven passengers, and a cargo area that can be made larger by folding the third seat completely into the floor and folding the 70-30 split middle bench seat forward.

For 2003, the XLS also comes with the five-speed automatic, an

upgrade from the four-speed automatic used last year.

Standard amenities include wood-trimmed interior, front and side air bags, 175-watt AM/FM/cassette stereo with seven speakers in the XLS, six speakers in the XLSi, size rear-mounted stereo rails, privacy glass, center front console with six cup holders, rear window with flashlight, front fog lights, and a stereo with remote keyless entry. Limited models also have heated front seats, power seat, heated outside mirrors, sunroof, and a driver's center that includes a pass, miles-to-empty, outside temperature.

A premium package included on our test brought automatic four-wheel drive, rear air conditioning with separate rear controls, and a power front seat.

Our vehicle's total cost was \$38,412, including tax, EPA fuel economy is 20 mpg in the city, 24 mpg on the highway.

Crossover

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sedan and, for an added twist in the cocktail, a sports car in terms of its ride and handling," said Mike Donoughe, DaimlerChrysler vice president in charge of the family vehicle product team, which includes the new Pacifica and minivans. "It embodies all the positive attributes of those segments into one vehicle solution."

Indeed, my family had a spirited debate about just what the Pacifica was on our spring break test-drive in Florida. My mother insisted it was a sport utility. I argued it was a station wagon.

My teen-age daughter says it is not a station wagon, but perhaps it was a minivan, as is the Chrysler PT Cruiser, by her definition.

Just as confusing as the category in which the Pacifica com-

petes, so is its potential audience. Donoughe thinks buyers of sport utilities, minivans and sedans will be potential buyers. "Every year, 2.7 million people cross shop or switch among the three segments — sedans, SUVs and minivans. We think the Pacifica falls smack dab in the middle of those, but represents something fresh and new and is the answer for what they need in family transportation."

Donoughe calls the Pacifica a sport tourer, which is the new name DaimlerChrysler has assigned to all of its vehicles in this class. The industry generally refers to them as "crossover vehicles."

Whatever language we invent to describe them, there will be more of them. DaimlerChrysler plans at least two more "sport tourers" — the sporty Dodge Magnum and the luxurious Mercedes-Benz GST, both due out next year.

General Motors has a full plate

of so-called crossovers. The Cadillac SRX, on sale this summer, most closely resembles the Pacifica. Chevrolet will offer a crossover version of its redesigned Malibu, called the Malibu Maxx. Buick likely will produce the Centurion concept vehicle now traveling the auto show circuit.

At Ford, the Freestyle goes on sale in the next couple years, and Lincoln may build the Navicross concept displayed at this year's auto shows.

Volkswagen and Porsche have the Touareg and Cayenne, respectively. Audi and BMW have more crossovers in the works. Even low-volume Italian automaker Maserati has what could be considered a crossover — a four-wheel-drive station wagon — in the works.

All of these new offerings join the likes of BMW X5, Volvo XC90, Acura MDX, the Nissan Murano, Infiniti FX models and Lexus RX 330.

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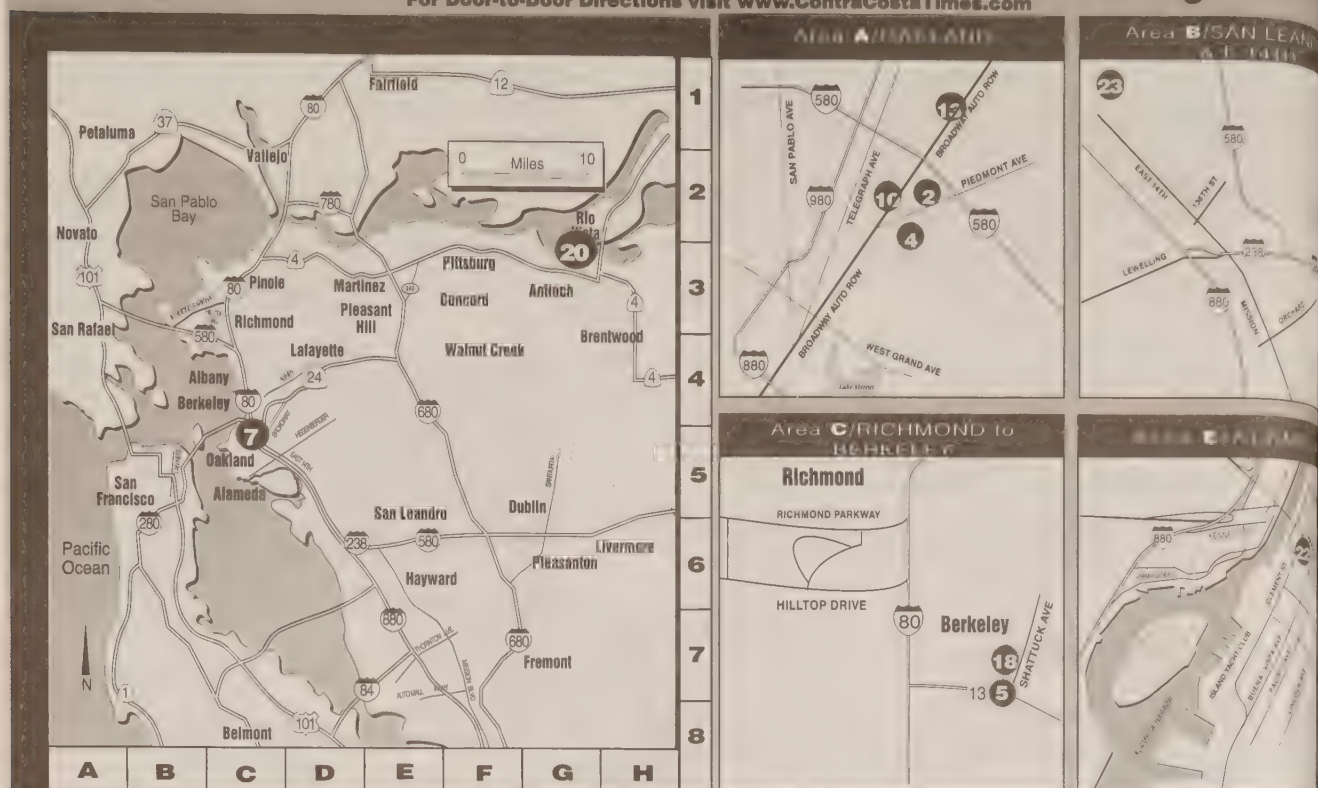
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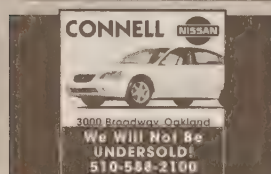
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If you are considering becoming a medical assistant you should be comfortable with multiple responsibilities and able to juggle them efficiently. You would need to be caring and compassionate while communicating clearly and precisely. You should feel comfortable working closely with people of all ages. Close

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The John Muir/Mt. Diablo Health System was formed when two East Bay hospitals, John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek and Mt. Diablo Medical Center in Concord, merged in 1997.

Now one of the largest employers in the

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comprehensive, compassionate patient care.

The mission of the John Muir/Mt. Diablo Health System is to improve - with quality and compassion - the health of the communities we serve.

A strong sense of community in our region, and also among employees, sets the Health System apart as a progressive environment where teamwork, excellence and commitment to superb patient care are a way of life.

John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek has long been recognized as one of the region's premier health care providers. The only designated trauma center for Contra Costa and portions of Solano County, John Muir is a 321-bed acute care hospital offering high- and low-risk obstetrics, neurosciences, orthopedics, cardiac and cancer care.

Mt. Diablo Medical Center, a 259-bed hospital in Concord, has a long-standing reputation as a preeminent center for cardiac care, including open-heart surgery and interventional cardiology. Serving Contra Costa and southern Solano counties, Mt. Diablo offers specialized programs in cancer care, general surgery, orthopedics and neurology.

The Health System also includes the Medical Pavilion, located in Concord. This licensed, 73-bed facility offers care for children, adolescents, adults and seniors who are experiencing emotional or

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The John Muir/Mt. Diablo Health Network comprises more than 600 primary care and specialty physicians who deliver coordinated patient care in practice locations from Brentwood and Antioch to San Ramon. These physicians make up one of the largest and fastest-growing physician groups in the Bay Area. The Health Network also offers health education and wellness programs.

In addition, the Health System assists uninsured and underserved families, children and youth, seniors and other adults through the Community Health Fund Corporation, which receives \$1 million annually from the John Muir/Mt. Diablo Health System. The Corporation Fund awards grants to community-based programs and initiatives that help vulnerable populations gain greater access to health care and related services.

Our Community Health Alliance was created to assist the community in achieving optimal health through education, collaboration, and health and wellness services. Collaborative partners include private and public health and social service agencies, community-based organizations, and other providers. Current collaborative health initiatives include the Monument Community Partnership, the Mobile Health Clinic and Senior Services.

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DAVE VAN SICKLE

Most gas-saving gadgets fall short of touted claims

When gasoline prices begin to rise to do motorists' concerns about fuel economy.

Not so coincidentally, a jump in gas prices in the last week has prompted widespread advertising of gas-saving gadgets, supposedly designed to be fuel-savers.

For years, the Federal Trade Commission has warned motorists to be wary of gas-saving gadgets, to the detriment of their wallets. And now, the few problems that have been found to exist, produce considerable savings.

Waste yet, several devices do reduce exhaust emissions, but under federal regulations, they are not considered "gas-saving" devices.

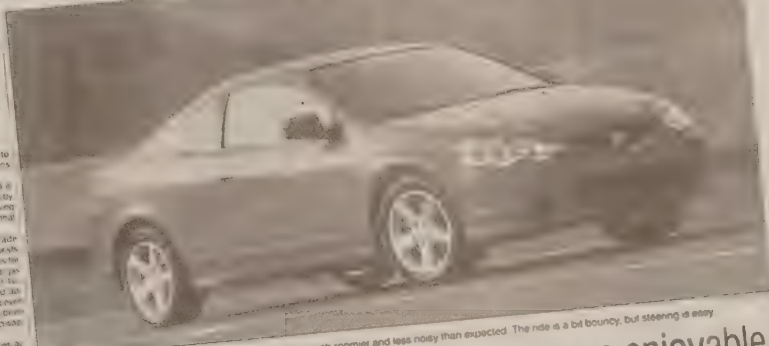
After evaluating over 100 alleged gas-saving devices, the EPA has found only a few that actually improve fuel economy, and none that do so significantly.

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Acura RSX makes shifting much more enjoyable

TOM KEANE

Twisting around turns took awhile to adjust to before I became comfortable. At first, I was skeptical about what the car had to offer. But when I realized what the Acura engineers told me was true, I began to realize that even winding roads in the area, Acura has designed an all-new suspension and steering system.

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Cakes

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A wonderfully simple, yet festive way to decorate a cake is with big dots of frosting, said Contino; think multi-colored pastel polka dots.

Children can do their part by helping with icing or candles, said Laura Palace, who teaches cake decorating classes at Sur La Table in Chicago.

Most important of all, according to Palace, is to have fun.

"Everyone comes in talking about Martha Stewart's cakes," Palace said. "I tell them, don't worry about it being perfect."

Two cakes, each decorated for spring

The Chicago Tribune test kitchen staff put together two cakes worthy of any holiday or springtime table. Here are the instructions for assembling them, using the recipes provided:

Cake no. 1: Lemon cake with frosting flowers

To prepare this cake:

- Make the "absolutely the best yellow cake" (see recipe).
- Make the lemon curd (see recipe).
- Make the lemon buttercream (see recipe).
- Make the flower frosting mixture (see recipe).
- Spread lemon curd between cake layers. Frost with buttercream.
- Decorate side of cake with basket-weave designs.
- Decorate with flowers (see below).

Cake no. 2: Vanilla chiffon cake with edible flower petals

To prepare this cake:

- Make the vanilla chiffon cake (see recipe).
- Frost with fluffy white frosting

(see recipe).

■ Sprinkle and pat shredded coconut over the frosting. The coconut may be sweetened or unsweetened, and may be toasted if desired.

■ Make the sugared edible flower petals (see below). Decorate cake with flower petals.

Making frosting flowers

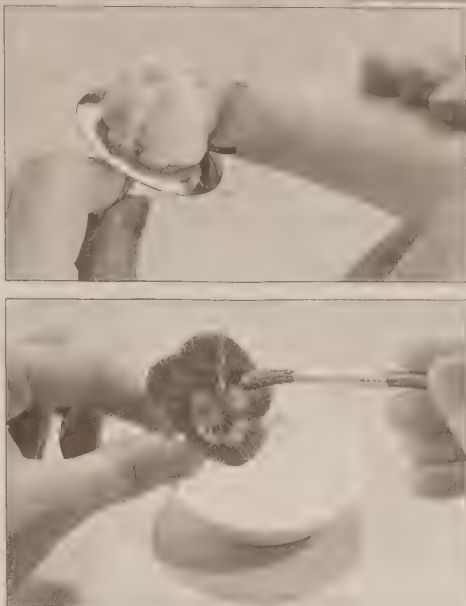
Use a stiff frosting (see decorator's icing recipe) to pipe flat flower designs on the cake, or use gum paste or fondant to make three-dimensional flowers. Wilton Enterprises makes gum paste mix and rolled fondant, with instructions for forming flowers on the package. The products are available at Walmart and Michael's stores and other craft, specialty or baking supply stores, as well as the Wilton Web site, www.wilton.com.

To form frosting roses, most professional bakers recommend using an icing "nail," which is a small rod with a flat circle on top; the flowers are formed and turned on the circle. Nails are available through cookware stores and Wilton, but in a pinch you can do without them.

To make the roses (practice first on a plate before trying this on the cake), pipe a cone of stiff frosting with a wide tip from a pastry bag. Pipe overlapping petals around the cone, starting from the bottom, and continue overlapping to make several petal layers. As you finish each petal, "open" them by pulling the pastry bag towards you as you reach the end.

A note about icing or frosting consistency, adapted from the Wilton Web site:

"Just a few drops of liquid will make a great deal of difference in your results. Stiff icing holds a 3/4-inch peak on a flat surface. Use it for flowers with upright petals. If icing is not stiff enough, petals will droop. Medium icing is used for flowers with flat petals and for borders; when the icing is too stiff or too thin, you can't get the uniform designs that characterize a perfect border. Thin icing is used for writing, stems, leaves and for frosting a cake."



EDIBLE FLOWERS, whether they are made from frosting or real, are perfect for decorating cakes in spring.

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If you want to cheat a little, Sugar Flowers Plus makes ready-made sugar (pastillage) roses in a variety of pastel colors, as well as a traditional red. They are available at The Chopping Block, Sur La Table and Hobby Lobby stores and through the company's Web site, www.sugarflowers.com.

Making sugared flower petals

A natural way to add color and beauty to your cake is with a crown of edible flowers. Bright petals of nasturtiums, marigolds and pansies are available at local markets, and all they need is a shower of sugar to make them into a proper confection.

Edible flowers are available from specialty food stores.

These flowers are edible because they have not been sprayed with chemicals. Do not use the flow-

ers sold in flats at nurseries or in the floral section of supermarkets; they may not be safe for consumption.

There are two ways to prepare the petals so that the sugar adheres. Do not use too much liquid on the flowers or they will wilt.

1. Dissolve 5 tablespoons of sugar in 1 tablespoon of hot water and use this solution to lightly brush on the petals. Sprinkle with sugar.
2. Or, lightly brush the flowers with beaten egg white, then sprinkle with sugar. Because of the slight risk of salmonella, raw egg prod-

ucts are not recommended, the elderly, or compromised immune system. Instead, use pasteurized eggs in specialty food stores.

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Preparation time: 20 minutes, **cooking time:** 3 minutes, **cooling time:** 1 hour, makes enough for 9-inch three-layer cake.

This recipe, adapted from Carole Walter's "Great Cakes," makes a frosting thick enough to form into flowers. If the mixture is too firm, add more milk as needed. The frosting may be divided into batches, each colored as desired.

DECORATORS' ICING
 3/4 cup vegetable shortening
 1/4 cup unsalted butter, softened
 4 to 4-1/2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 2 tablespoons milk
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 Food coloring

Beat shortening and butter in bowl of an electric mixer on low speed until completely blended. Combine sugar and salt in a large bowl. Add half of the sugar mixture to the shortening mixture, beating just until incorporated. Beat in remaining sugar with the milk, vanilla and coloring. Do not overmix.

Preparation time: 15 minutes, **makes about:** 3 cups

The light texture of this cake, adapted from a recipe in "The Perfect Cake," is just the thing for an airy dessert. This cake may be baked in advance, wrapped airtight and frozen.

VANILLA CHIFFON CAKE
 6 eggs, separated, at room temperature
 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
 1 1/2 cups sugar
 2 1/2 cups sifted cake flour
 1 tablespoon baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/4 cup water
 1/2 cup vegetable oil
 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1. Place oven rack in center of the oven. Heat oven to 325 degrees. Whip egg whites and cream of tartar in the bowl of an electric mixer until fluffy. Slowly add 2/3 cup of the sugar. Beat until whites are satiny and form almost stiff peaks, about 10 minutes; set bowl aside.

2. Sift together flour, remaining sugar, baking powder and salt in another mixing bowl. Make a well in the center; add egg yolks, water, oil and vanilla. Beat until well blended and smooth. Fold egg whites into the egg-yolk batter in 6 or 7 additions.

3. Pour batter into an ungreased 10-inch tube pan, lined on the bottom with parchment or wax paper. Bake until cake is golden and a cake tester inserted in the center comes out clean, about 1 hour, 5 minutes. Invert cake pan onto the neck of a bottle. Cool thoroughly, 2 hours or overnight.

Preparation time: 30 minutes, **cooking time:** 1 hour, 5 minutes.

1/4 cup water
 1 teaspoon light corn syrup
 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar

1. Place egg whites, sugar, water, corn syrup and cream of tartar in the top of a double-boiler or in a mixing bowl set over simmering water in a saucepan. Beat with a hand mixer at high speed about 7 minutes.

2. Remove double-boiler top or mixing bowl from heat; beat until mixture forms stiff peaks, 5-10 minutes.

Preparation time: 10 minutes, **cooking time:** 7 minutes, makes enough for 10-inch chiffon cake.

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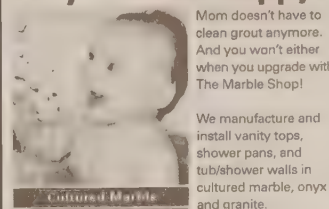
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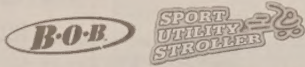
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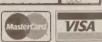
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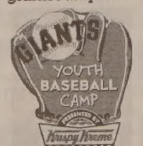
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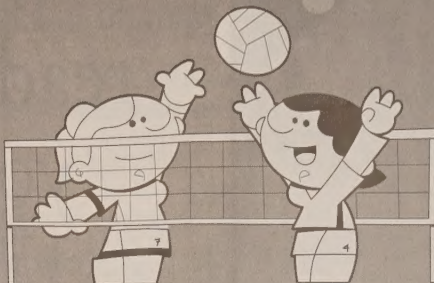
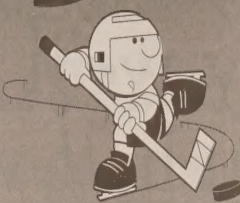
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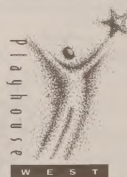
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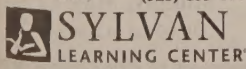
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